

REPORT OF THE
Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority
PART II

109. APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF OFFICER

1. The Fire Authority at its meeting on 10 September 2014 received an announcement from the Chairman confirming that following a rigorous selection process, Dave Curry had been unanimously appointed to the position of Chief Officer and would take up this role on 1 January 2015. On behalf of the Authority, the Chairman congratulated Dave and expressed delight at the appointment and confidence in his ability to lead the Service forward. Dave thanked the Chairman and said that he was looking forward to taking on the challenges ahead.

110. SPRINKLERS POSITION STATEMENT – UPDATE

1. The Authority considered the report of the Chief Officer, updating Members on the Sprinkler Position Statement. The importance of Member involvement and support for the position was noted. The effectiveness of the Position Statement, particularly in influencing the design of new buildings at an early stage was recognised. Members felt that success in Hampshire should be promoted nationally and it was confirmed that this was already happening.

2. The Authority resolved that the sprinkler strategy of 2012 remain the position of Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority and that Members continue to advocate and promote the position statement and in doing so actively contribute to achieving risk reduction via the promotion of sprinkler installations within identified risk premises.

111. ADVERSE WEATHER DEBRIEF

1. The Authority considered the report of the Chief Officer, acknowledging the recommendations put forward to the Local Resilience Forum Executive Group and supporting the Fire Service in their part of the multi-agency implementation plan.

2. The methodology of the review was explained and a number of specific successes were highlighted. The overall success of the response to adverse weather in Hampshire was confirmed, however it was also noted that public expectations would likely be raised should repeat flooding occur in those areas again.

112. DELIVERING DIFFERENTLY IN PARTNERSHIP

1. The Authority considered the report of the Chief Officer, regarding work being undertaken with the Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service to examine a future collaborative model of working.

2. The financial drivers for collaborative working between the two Services were explained and a number of other recent, similar models highlighted. The Authority endorsed the work of the joint project and programme boards in scoping this project and authorise the Chief Officer to progress the completion of a full business case and if

appropriate a project initiation document (PID) for consideration by the Fire Authority at their December meeting.

COUNCILLOR KEITH CHAPMAN
On behalf of the Chairman of
Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority

