

COMMUNITY PROTECTION COMMITTEE
OF THE
MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

21ST APRIL 2011

MINUTES

PRESENT: Councillors Jimmy Mahon (Chair), Ted Grannell, Les Byrom, Linda Maloney, Barbara Murray, Steve Niblock, Dave Hanratty, Eddie Clie and Gerry Ellis.

ALSO PRESENT: DCFO Mike Hagen, Clerk Janet Henshaw, Note Taker Helen Peek, Recording Denise MacInnes

Apologies for absence were received from:
Councillors Leslie Rennie and Jimmy Kendrick

1. Preliminary Matters

The Authority considered if there were any declarations of interest, matters of urgency, or items that may require the exclusion of the press and public due to the disclosure of exempt information.

- (a) Cllr Maloney declared a personal interest in relation to item 8 of the agenda Report Number CFO/O32/11 Impact of the CSR on external funding as a member of the Board for Helena Housing for St. Helens.
- (b) No additional items of business were determined as a matter of urgency.
- (c) No items of business required the exclusion of the press and public due to the disclosure of exempt information.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 3rd February were agreed as a correct record and signed accordingly by the Chair.

3. Progress Review – Service Plan 2010/11
(CFO/028/11)

Members considered Report CFO/028/11 of the Assistant Chief Executive & Treasurer concerning the second progress review of the Service Plan 2010/11.

DCE & DCFO Hagen advised that since the writing of the report the coroner had confirmed that the number of deaths as a result of accidental dwelling fires was a total of five deaths during the year not six as anticipated.

DCFO Hagen also advised that further work would be carried out to provide more detail in relation to there being fewer incidents which have resulted in higher injuries, following which a report would be brought back to Members detailing tactics to address the issue.

Members Resolved that:

The performance of the action points as set out in the second progress review of the Service Plan 2010/11, be approved for publication within the Merseyfire Portal.

4. Annual Service Plan
(CFO/029/11)

Members considered Report CFO/029/11 of the Assistant Chief Executive & Treasurer concerning the Annual Service Plan 2011/12.

Members Resolved that:

Following scrutiny by the IRMP Scrutiny Panel on the 24th March 2011, the Annual Service Plan 2011/12 be agreed prior to publication on the Merseyfire website.

5. Local Integrated Risk Management Plans
(CFO/031/11)

Members considered Report CFO/031/11 of the Chief Executive & Chief Fire Officer concerning the production of the 2011/12 Local Integrated Risk Management Plan for each of the five districts of Merseyside.

Members Resolved that:

- (a) the implementation of the five actions contained in the five Local IRMPs be approved.
- (b) the publication of the five plans on the Merseyfire Portal external website be approved.

6. Consultation on Community Right To Challenge
(CFO/037/11)

Members considered Report CFO/037/11 of the Deputy Chief Executive & Deputy Chief Fire Officer concerning the Consultation.

Members Resolved that:

- (a) the draft response to CLG be approved.
- (b) A draft response be sent to all Local Authorities within Merseyside with commentary from the Chair.

7. Additional Funding From DEFRA For 2 Further Type B Flood Rescue Teams
(CFO/027/11)

Members considered Report CFO/027/11 of the Assistant Chief Fire Officer concerning the provision of two additional Type B water rescue teams for inclusion on the national water rescue asset register from the grant of £63,204 from DEFRA.

Members Resolved that:

- (a) the provision of two additional Type B water Rescue teams for inclusion on the national water rescue asset register from the grant of £63,204 from DEFRA be approved.

8. Impact of the CSR on External Funding
(CFO/032/11)

Members considered and noted Report CFO/032/11 of the Assistant Chief Fire Officer concerning the impact of the Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) 2010 on the community safety activities delivered by the Service.

Cllr Maloney advised that Helena Housing had congratulated MF&RS for all their hard work which has been a great success but unfortunately they will be reducing their contributions.

9. Local Delivery of Joined Up Services for Older People - Research For Department of Work and Pensions (DWP)
(CFO/038/11)

Members considered and noted Report CFO/038/11 of the Assistant Chief Fire Officer concerning the research undertaken by DWP that provides many exemplars of good practice from Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service.

10. INTERREG IVC Program – Fire Risk Prevention in the Historic Town Centres Named World Heritage Project
(CFO/040/11)

Members considered Report CFO/040/11 of the Assistant Chief Fire Officer concerning the INTERREG IVC Programme – Fire risk prevention in the historic town centres named World Heritage Project.

Members resolved that:

The participation of officers from MF&RS in the INTERREG IVC Programme – Fire risk prevention in the historic town centres named World Heritage Project be approved.

11. Vulnerable Property Assessment
(CFO/045/11)

Members considered and noted Report CFO/045/11 of the Assistant Chief Fire Officer concerning the details of HFSC activity carried out between 2009 and 2011 by Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service with specific regard to the use of VPA's.

12. Detailed Analysis of 2010 Bonfire Period
(CFO/041/11)

Members considered and noted Report CFO/041/11 of the Assistant Chief Executive & Treasurer concerning incidents throughout the 2010 Bonfire Period.

Members resolved that the contents of the Report be shared with relevant Community Safety groups across Merseyside.

13. Response to the Recommended Code of Practice for Local Authorities on Data Transparency
(CFO/042/11)

Members considered Report CFO/042/11 of the Assistant Chief Executive & Treasurer concerning the Service's response to this consultation relating to the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) recommended Code of Practice for Local Authorities on data transparency.

Members Resolved that:

The response (Appendix B) and the proposed recommended practice for Local Authorities on Data Transparency as outlined by the DCLG (Appendix A) be noted.

14. “SAVES” Project and Update Regarding the Tri Data (SAVES) Project 2010
(CFO/043/11)

Members considered Report CFO/043/11 of the Assistant Chief Executive & Treasurer concerning the “Saves/Tri-data” project which aims to estimate the saves made by Officers due to their actions in dealing with an incident.

Members Resolved that:

- (a) the report and the significant saves made by the Officers who have dealt with primarily large commercial fire related incidents be noted.
- (b) that officers include ‘carbon savings’ in future reports if possible, e. g if a fire had spread what the carbon effect would have been.

Date of the Next Meeting: 21st July 2011