

MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

MEETING OF THE

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE

28th MARCH 2013

MINUTES

Present: **Councillors Linda Maloney (Chair)**, Vi Bebb, Roy Gladden, John Kelly, Jimmy Mahon, Barbara Murray and Lesley Rennie

Also Present: Councillor Les Byrom (not a member of this committee)

Apologies received from: Councillor Tony Newman

1. Preliminary Matters

Members considered the identification of declarations of interest, urgent matters of business and any items of business that would require the exclusion of the press and public.

- a) there were no declarations of interest by individual Members in relation to any item of business of the agenda;
- b) there were no additional items of business which the Chair had determined to be considered as matters of urgency;
- c) there were no items of business which required the exclusion of the press and public during consideration thereof because of the possibility of the disclosure of exempt information.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Community Safety and Protection Committee held on the 3rd January 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed accordingly by the Chair.

3. Street Intervention Team Awards
(CFO/033/13)

Members considered report CFO/033/13 of the Deputy Chief Fire Officer concerning Liverpool Street Intervention Team's success in being awarded The Emergency Services – Hero in the Community Award at the first annual Flame Awards sponsored by Community Guardians Magazine in association with the International Fire and Rescue Association (IFRA).

Resolved that:

- a) The success of the team in receiving this prestigious award be acknowledged and noted; and
- b) Thanks on behalf of the Authority, be conveyed to Sarah Wyatt who has been instrumental in the success of this Team.

4. Wi-Fi Provision Update
(CFO/028/13)

Members considered report CFO/028/13, and associated Equality Impact Assessment, of the Deputy Chief Executive concerning an update on digital inclusion initiatives, including the Digital Inclusion Awards and security and legal issues in relation to internet access through the public Wi-Fi provision.

Resolved that:

- a) the contents of this report be noted; and
- b) the support of the Authority for digital inclusion be reaffirmed.
- c) The Deputy Chief Executive be requested to enter into discussions with Aimes Grid Services CIC, around the potential to extend the Community Internet Provision model in place at the Toxteth Firefit Hub, to the Authority's Headquarters and Vesty Road sites, as part of the Joint Control Centre Project.

5. Shirley Towers Rule 43 Recommendations
(CFO/029/13)

Members considered report CFO/029/13 of the Chief Fire Officer concerning the actions taken to date and the action plan developed by Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority to address the Rule 43 operational recommendations arising from the Shirley Towers incident which resulted in the deaths of two FireFighters.

Resolved that:

- a) the actions taken by MFRA to address the Shirley Towers Rule 43 operational recommendations to date be noted; and
- b) the action plan developed to address all the operational recommendations in their entirety, be noted.
- c) Progress against this action plan, be reported to the Audit Sub-Committee.
- d) Progress against the National recommendations around Building Regulations, being dealt with through the Chief Fire Officers Association (CFOA), be reported back to a future meeting of this Committee.

6. Merseyside Incidents Involving Flooding
(CFO/034/13)

Members considered report CFO/034/13 of the Deputy Chief Fire Officer concerning the Authority's response to flood related special service calls during 2012.

Resolved that:

The contents of the report be noted, in particular:

- a) the number of incidents attended;
- b) the comparative cost to the Authority; and
- c) the benefits that MFRA's investment in training and equipment have provided to the public of Merseyside.

7. District and Station Community Safety Plans 2013/14
(CFO/039/13)

Members considered report CFO/039/13, and associated Equality Impact Assessment, of the Deputy Chief Fire Officer concerning the District and Station Community Safety Plans for 2013/14.

Resolved that:

The District and Station Community Safety Plans for 2013/14 be approved for publication on the Authority's website and also as posters to be displayed in the Authority's community fire stations.

8. Service Delivery Plan 2013/14
(CFO/041/13)

Members considered the report CFO/041/13 of the Deputy Chief Fire Officer concerning the Service Delivery Plan for 2013/14.

Resolved that:

- (a) the Service Delivery Plan for 2013/14 be approved for publication.
- (b) A paragraph be added into the Service Delivery Plan, highlighting what the challenge is for the Authority, how the Authority plans to meet that challenge and what that means in terms of service delivery and outcomes.

Date of Next Meeting: T.B.A following AGM

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