

**MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

**PERFORMANCE & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2012**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Councillors Ted Grannell (Chair), Tony Newman, Steve Niblock, Robbie Ayres and Vi Bebb

**Apologies for absence were received from:**

Councillors Sharon Sullivan and Darren Dodd (not a voting Member of this committee).

**1. Preliminary Matters**

The Committee 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) There were no declarations of interest made in relation to items of business on the agenda.
- (b) There were no additional items of business determined as a matter of urgency.
- (c) There were no items of business which required the exclusion of the press and public.

**2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

This was the first meeting of the Performance & Scrutiny Committee therefore there were no previous minutes for consideration.

**3. Service Plan 2012/13 – First Quarter Performance Report  
(CFO/104/12)**

Members were provided with PowerPoint presentation regarding the Service Plan 2012/13 first quarter performance.

Members then considered Report CFO/104/12 of the Deputy Chief Fire Officer concerning the scrutiny of performance against the objectives and targets set in the 2012/13 Service Delivery Plan in relation to the period from April 2012 to June 2012.

Members Resolved that:

- (a) the Service Delivery Plan 2012/13 First Quarter Performance Report for April 2012 to June 2012, be recommended to the Authority for publication on the Portal and Website.
- (b) Sickness levels and in particular short-term sickness, be scrutinised through this Committee.
- (c) Information regarding the fitting of smoke alarms during this financial year, be scrutinised through this Committee.
- (d) A report be brought back to this Committee regarding the feasibility of charging for the provision of smoke alarms.

**4. Community Fire Protection Department – Enforcement And Prosecutions Update**  
(CFO/100/12)

Members considered Report CFO/100/12 and associated Equality Impact Assessment of the Deputy Chief Fire Officer concerning scrutiny of the Enforcement and Prosecutions activity by the Community Fire Protection (CFP) Department from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 to May 2012.

Members Resolved that:

- (a) the content of the report, as referred by the Community Safety & Protection Committee on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2012, be noted.

**5. Merseyside Fire & Rescue Authority Travel Plan 2012**  
(CFO/106/12)

Members considered Report CFO/106/12 of the Deputy Chief Executive concerning Merseyside Fire & Rescue Authority's Travel Plan for 2012.

Members Resolved that:

- (a) The definition and purpose of a Travel Plan, be noted.
- (b) The production of a Travel Plan for MFRA, be recommended for approval by the Authority.
- (c) All staff be requested to complete an online survey to gather the necessary data for a Travel Plan.
- (d) The outcomes of the survey be referred to a Task & Finish Group, with any proposals relating to the survey outcome, being brought back to this Committee.

**6. The Improvement Scheme – A Review Of The IDEAS Scheme**  
(CFO/108/12)

Members considered Report CFO/108/12 and associated Equality Impact Assessment, of the Deputy Chief Fire Officer concerning a review of the purpose and operation of the IDEAS Scheme.

**Members Resolved that:**

(a) The implementation of the new Scheme be recommended to Policy and Resources Committee for approval: and

(b) The operation of the improvement scheme be scrutinised at the next meeting of this Committee.

**7. Review Of The Contestable Research Fund And Proposal To Implement A community Impact Fund**  
(CFO/109/12)

Members considered Report CFO/109/12 and associated Equality Impact Assessment, of the Deputy Chief Fire Officer, concerning proposals to close the Contestable Research Fund and create a Community Impact Fund.

**Members Resolved that:**

(a) The proposal be recommended to Policy and Resources Committee for approval: and

(b) The operation of the Community Impact Fund, be scrutinised at the next meeting of this Committee.

**8. Determine Scrutiny Work Programme For Next Meeting**

Members considered scrutiny work programmes to be reported back to the next meeting of this Committee, including matters relating to the performance of the Authority.

**Members Resolved that:**

The following scrutiny work programmes be reported back to the next meeting of the Committee:

(a) The delivery of HFSC's and fitting of smoke alarms and potential for charging for the provision of smoke alarms.

(b) Definitions of long term and short term sickness and the scrutiny of short-term sickness including actions in place to address the rise in sickness absence.

(c) The operation of the new Improvement Scheme

(d) The operation of the new Community Impact Fund

(e) The work around reducing Unwanted Fire Signals.

**9. Determine And Review Efficiency Reviews**

Members considered requirements for efficiency reviews with a view to effecting continuous improvements in the way services are delivered, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

Members determined that no further efficiency reviews were required at this stage.

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Date of next Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012

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