

Lead Member Feedback Form

2013/14

Lead Members Name: Cllr Sharon Sullivan

Lead Member Role Title: Operational Preparedness

Supporting Officers Name: AM N Searle

Number of meetings take place between Lead Member and Supporting Officer during the year: 2 formal, several informal

At the first meeting held between the Lead Member and the relevant Officer Support, was a Forward Work Plan devised, and reviewed and updated at each subsequent meeting during the year? No

Please outline nature of these meetings and any agreed outcomes, including any information, guidance and updates which have been provided to you with regard to developments in the area for which you are appointed Lead Member.

The meetings have been arranged to assist me with my knowledge of Operational Preparedness. During the meeting various matters were discussed including,

1. The Functional Delivery plan for Operational Preparedness.
2. Outcomes from the delivery of the 13/14 plan were provided and information on the 14/15.
3. Area Manager of Operational Preparedness was also responsible for the planning of Resilience arrangements during the recent industrial action.
4. Operational Preparedness also responsible (in conjunction with Response) for providing resilience during National deployments.

The supporting officer has kept me updated on all areas of Operational Preparedness.

Have any reports been written in relation to this area of work, if so please confirm the title and meeting which the report was submitted to?

Collaboration with Fire Service College – Policy and Resources Committee
NW FRA Peer Assessment - Authority
NR Assurance of MFRA USAR Capability – Community Safety and Protection
Merseyside LRF Secretariat – Authority
JESIP Consolidation Exercise – Community Safety and Protection
MFRS National Deployments during Wide Area Flooding - Community Safety and Protection
All of these reports have been written by Operational Preparedness and have been presented on by the CFO to Authority.

What involvement did you have in the reporting process?

Area Manager wrote reports which have been presented by CFO during Authority meetings.

What were the outcomes as a result of the report?

All of the reports have assisted MFRS in various ways. MFRS has been heavily involved in support other FRS during the recent flooding.

We will be hosting the (Joint Emergency Service Interoperability Programme) JESIP exercise on the 18th September 2014.

The LRF Secretariat positions will assist with the smooth running of the Local Resilience Forum.

Have you been involved in any of the Authority's Task and Finish Group's? If so please detail how your Lead Member experience has assisted you as part of the Task and Finish Group.

I have not been required to attend a Task and Finish group.

What other meetings within Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority or Partners, do you attend which have an influence on your Lead Member Area?

I am a member of the Policy and Resources Committee and the Performance and Scrutiny Committee.

How has attending the above meetings assisted you in your role?

As the Lead Member for Operational Preparedness my understanding of this area of MFRS has been improved and I am now able to explain and assist other members.

How has undertaking the Role as Lead Members enhanced your level of knowledge of this particular service area?

As stated in the previous question, I am now able to understand, explain and assist others with questions relating to Operational Preparedness. I have the link with the support officer who is available to assist me with providing an answer if I am unsure.

Please detail any lessons learnt (eg what you would have liked to include or done differently)?

The benefit of having an immediate link to a support officer who can assist when required.

What has been the main benefit to your appointment in this role?

The main benefit of this role is that it has provided me with further knowledge of this particular area within the Organisation and it has provided me with a greater understanding which I can pass on to fellow members.

Any other comments you would like to add

More information of the role would have been of benefit.

Support Officer Comments:

Councillor Sullivan has been keen to be kept informed of any developments within Operational Preparedness.

Councillor Sullivan is interested in the overall effect Operational Preparedness has on the organisation and the level of support MFRS provides to fellow FRS when requested.

I believe that the working relationship which has been developed between the Lead Officer and Member is of benefit to the Organisation and will develop further over the coming year.

Area Manager Searle