

Lead Member/Ambassador

Feedback Form 2015/16

Lead Member/Ambassador:

Jean Stapleton

Area of Responsibility:

Strategic Change & Resources

Supporting Officer:

John McNeill

Number of meetings taken place between Lead Member/Ambassador and Supporting Officer during the year:

Two

- 1. Please outline the nature of the meetings and any agreed outcomes, including any information, guidance and updates which have been provided to you with regard to developments in your area of responsibility.**

Outline Nature of Meetings:	
<u>Lead Member Update Oct 2015</u>	
<u>ICT</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Telent contract is up for re-newel the Tender process is complete and we are in negotiation with Telent over costs (only one tender received).• An internal benchmarking process has been undertaken to ensure we have something to compare against• We are actively moving toward internal development of applications given enhanced technology enabling easier development. This is seen as a more cost effective option than expensive off the shelf products which are often not fully in line with our needs.	

- ESMCP project is underway to nationally procure a new emergency services communication platform – MFRA have an internal transition team in place.

Estates

- Asset re-fresh strategy has been drafted and will be agreed by SMG
- Capital expenditure has been provisionally set, however strategic decisions on number of stations / locations following CSR will have a bearing on this programme.

Station Building / Change programme

- Prescott –application submitted; Police are to share the building. Site altered at request of Knowsley, Knowsley now being cooperative.
- St Helens – site identified, negotiation with landowner continues, Police and NWAS considering sharing the facility
- Saughall Massie – Pre app submitted, CFO and Chair have met with the Chief Exec (Wirral), CFO to attend the Policy and Performance Regeneration & Environment Committee. Postponed once – now scheduled for early December.

Blue Light Collaboration

- Initial 28 day Project “initiation phase” complete, now into the opportunities assessment, meetings being planned with all responsible people from Police & FRS as part of the corporate services review.
- Shared property is being considered for all areas, including Fire Stations workshops and training centre.
- Collaboration Committee (Chair PCC & Deputies) has met twice and the programme board also.

All working groups have been established with terms of reference

Lead Member Update Feb 2016

ICT

- Telnet Contract has been approved by Authority and will be renewed in April 2016 when current contract ends.
- An internal benchmarking process has been undertaken to ensure we have something to compare against this demonstrated that the relationship we have with Telnet is a good one and represents value for money for the Authority.
- We are actively moving toward internal development of applications given enhanced technology enabling easier development. This is seen as a more cost effective option than expensive off the shelf products which are often not fully in line with our needs.
- ESMCP project is underway to nationally procure a new emergency services communication platform – MFRA have an internal transition team in place. John McNeill now attends Principle Officer level regional meetings to provide governance for the project.

Estates

- Asset re-fresh strategy has been drafted and agreed by SMG, will be on the agenda for the Authority meeting on Thursday (25th Feb 2016)
- Capital expenditure has been provisionally set, however strategic decisions on number of stations / locations

Station Building / Change programme

- Prescott –application submitted; Police are to share the building. Site altered at request of Knowsley, some delay due to additional cost of site repair.
- St Helens – site identified, negotiation with landowner continues, Police considering sharing the facility NWAS not interested in site.
- Saughall Massie – Pre app submitted, CFO and Chair have met with the Chief Exec (Wirral),

Blue Light Collaboration

- Outcome of Opportunities assessment has been presented to the Board and there will be a committee meeting in march 2016
- Shared property is being considered for all areas, including Fire Stations workshops and training centre.
- Government announced the response to the collaboration and the following week the first reading of the Police & Crime Bill which places a duty on emergency services to collaborate in achieving value for money.

Agreed Outcomes

(ii) AM McNeill to provide further update for CLLR Stapleton.

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2. 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?

Report Title	Meeting
Fire & Police Collaboration Programme	Fire & Police Committee
Emergency Services Communications programme	Policy & Resources
Asset management Plans	Policy & Resources

3. What involvement did you have in the reporting process?

Availability to discuss issues particularly in terms of Police and Fire collaboration.

4. What were the outcomes as a result of the report(s)?

(i) All recommendations agreed

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

(i) Trustee of Fire Support Network

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

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7. How has undertaking the role as Lead Member/Ambassador enhanced your level of knowledge of this particular service area?

8. Please detail any lessons learnt (e.g. what you would have liked to include or done differently)?

9. What has been the main benefit to you or the Authority of your appointment in this role?

10. Any other comments you would like to add

11. Support Officer Comments:

Cllr Stapleton has shown interest in the various areas I am responsible for, in particular the area of collaboration where she has been able to offer advice around the governance, as she is a personal acquaintance of the Police & Crime Commissioner.