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**To: The Chair and Members of the  
Community Safety and Corporate  
Planning Committee  
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**COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CORPORATE PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**(Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority)**

**Thursday 10 June 2010**

A meeting of the Community Safety and Corporate Planning Committee will be held on the above date, **commencing at 10.00 hours in Conference Room B in Somerset House, Service Headquarters** to consider the following matters.

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**AGENDA**

1. **Election of Chair**
2. **Apologies**
3. **Minutes** of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 25 March 2010 attached (Page 1).
4. **Items Requiring Urgent Attention**

Items which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be considered at the meeting as matters of urgency.

5. **Election Of Vice-Chair**
6. **Declarations of Interest**

Members are asked to consider whether they have any **personal/personal and prejudicial interests** in items as set out on the agenda for this meeting and declare any such interests at this time. *Please refer to the Note 2 at the end of this agenda for guidance on interests.*

**PART 1 – OPEN COMMITTEE**

**7. Update on Community Safety Initiatives including Partnerships**

Presentation by the Assistant Chief Fire Officer (Service Support).

**8. Ellacombe Road Fire - Update**

Assistant Chief Fire Officer (Service Delivery) to report.

**PART 2 – ITEMS WHICH MAY BE TAKEN IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Nil

**MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO SIGN THE ATTENDANCE REGISTER**

Membership:-

Councillors Eastman, Foggin, Fry, Healey, Leaves, Manning, Woodman

**Substitute Members**

Members are reminded that, in accordance with Standing Order 36, the Clerk (or his representative) MUST be advised of any substitution prior to the start of the meeting.

## **NOTES**

### **1. ACCESS TO INFORMATION**

Any person wishing to inspect any minutes, reports or lists of background papers relating to any item on this agenda should contact Sam Sharman on the telephone number shown at the top of this agenda.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS**

#### ***What Interests do I need to declare in a meeting?***

As a first step you need to declare any personal interests you have in a matter. You will then need to decide if you have a prejudicial interest in a matter.

#### ***What is a personal interest?***

You have a personal interest in a matter if it relates to any interests which you must register, as defined in Paragraph 8(1) of the Code.

You also have a personal interest in any matter likely to affect the well-being or financial position of:-

- (a) you, members of your family, or people with whom you have a close association;
- (b) any person/body who employs/has employed the persons referred to in (a) above, or any firm in which they are a partner or company of which they are a director;
- (c) any person/body in whom the persons referred to in (a) above have a beneficial interest in a class of securities exceeding the nominal value of £25,000; or
- (d) any body of which you are a Member or in a position of general control or management and which:-
  - you have been appointed or nominated to by the Authority; or
  - exercises functions of a public nature (e.g. a constituent authority; a Police Authority); or
  - is directed to charitable purposes; or
  - one of the principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union)

**more** than it would affect **the majority** of other people in the Authority's area.

Anything that could affect the quality of your life (or that of those persons/bodies listed in (b) to (d) above) either positively or negatively, is likely to affect your/their "well being". If you (or any of those persons/bodies listed in (b) to (d) above) have the potential to gain or lose from a matter under consideration – to a **greater extent** than **the majority** of other people in the Authority's area - you should declare a personal interest.

#### ***What do I need to do if I have a personal interest in a matter?***

Where you are aware of, **or ought reasonably to be aware of**, a personal interest in a matter you must declare it when you get to the item headed "Declarations of Interest" on the agenda, or otherwise as soon as the personal interest becomes apparent to you, **UNLESS** the matter relates to or is likely to affect:-

- (a) any other body to which you were appointed or nominated by the Authority; or
- (b) any other body exercising functions of a public nature (e.g. membership of a constituent authority; other Authority such as a Police Authority);

of which you are a Member or in a position of general control or management. In such cases, provided you do not have a prejudicial interest, you need only declare your personal interest if and when you speak on the matter.

#### ***Can I stay in a meeting if I have a personal interest?***

You can still take part in the meeting and vote on the matter unless your personal interest is also a prejudicial interest.

#### ***What is a prejudicial interest?***

Your personal interest will also be a **prejudicial** interest if **all** of the following conditions are met:-

- (a) the matter is not covered by one of the following exemptions to prejudicial interests in relation to the following functions of the Authority:-
  - statutory sick pay (if you are receiving or entitled to this);
  - an allowance, payment or indemnity for members;
  - any ceremonial honour given to members;

- setting council tax or a precept; **AND**
- (b) the matter affects your financial position (or that of any of the persons/bodies as described in Paragraph 8 of the Code) or concerns a regulatory/licensing matter relating to you or any of the persons/bodies as described in Paragraph 8 of the Code); **AND**
- (c) a member of the public who knows the relevant facts would reasonably think your personal interest is so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest.

***What do I need to do if I have a prejudicial interest?***

If you have a prejudicial interest in a matter being discussed at a meeting, you must declare that you have a prejudicial interest (and the nature of that interest) as soon as it becomes apparent to you. You should then leave the room unless members of the public are allowed to make representations, give evidence or answer questions about the matter by statutory right or otherwise. If that is the case, you can also attend the meeting for that purpose.

You must, however, leave the room **immediately after you have finished speaking (or sooner if the meeting so decides)** and you cannot remain in the public gallery to observe the vote on the matter. Additionally, you must not seek to **improperly influence** a decision in which you have a prejudicial interest.

***What do I do if I require further guidance or clarification on declarations of interest?***

If you feel you may have an interest in a matter that will need to be declared but require further guidance on this, please contact the Clerk to the Authority – preferably before the date of the meeting at which you may need to declare the interest. Similarly, please contact the Clerk if you require guidance/advice on any other aspect of the Code of Conduct.

**COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CORPORATE PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
(Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority)

25 March 2010

Present:-

Councillors Eastman, Foggin, Fry, Healey, Leaves (Chairman) and Woodman

Apologies:-

Councillor Manning

**\*CSCPC/10. Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2010 be signed as a correct record.

**\*CSCPC/11. Declarations of Interest**

Members are asked to consider whether they had any personal/personal and prejudicial interests in items as set out on the agenda for this meeting and declare any such interests at this time.

No interests were declared.

**\*CSCPC/12. Further Update on the Implementation of the Partnership Framework and Other Evaluation Tools**

The Committee received for information a report of the Director of Service Delivery (CSCP/10/4) that updated the Committee on the progress made following the successful introduction of the Partnership Framework. This work had been supplemented with the commissioning of a full review of the Framework and sampling of one of the existing and one proposed partnerships. The reviews, with Torbay Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) and the Probation Service in the Exeter had been commenced and the outcome would be reported to the Committee in due course.

The Director of Service Delivery made reference to the re-launch of the Partnership Framework on 17 May 2010 and encouraged Members of the Committee to attend to support this event. He indicated that this event would be attended by representatives of the higher level partnerships and was an opportunity to highlight the progress made. He made reference to the partnership that had been established with the Probation Service in particular on restorative justice that was to be based at Danescastle station. He added that the partnership framework would assist in providing an audit trail or this and other partnerships which was important in terms of external validation in particular.

The further progress made on the review of the Partnership Framework, along with the progress on other evaluation processes was noted.

**\*CSCPC/13. Specialist Rescue - Progress**

The Committee received for information a report of the Director of Service Support (CSCP/10/5) that set out the progress that had been made to date with the implementation of specialist rescue activity within Devon and Somerset. The report set out the objectives to be achieved by this project, together with the progress made against these objectives.

The Committee noted that the progress made included:

- 15 officers had now completed an 18 month development period to enable them to act as specialist rescue advisors for incidents involving flooding, adverse weather, rescues from height, depth and confined spaces;
- Four stations have been upgraded to specialist rescue team status – Camels Head, Barnstaple, Bridgwater and Special Operations;
- Powered rescue boats, engines and trailers have been purchased;
- Four specialist vehicles have been ordered which will provide both water and rope rescue capability as well as being able to transport the powered boats,
- Large animal rescue capability is being progressed with the purchase of equipment and training underway.

The Chief Fire Officer commented that he was proud of what had been achieved within Devon and Somerset and that the Service had a rescue capability which was much more advanced than many other services in the country. He added that there were approximately 200 rescues from floods each year and that this demonstrated that this capability was making a difference and improving public safety. He suggested that a meeting of the Committee could be held on one of the four specialist rescue stations with a demonstration either preceding or following of the faculties available. He indicated that arrangements would be put into place for this in due course, and that Members of the Committee would be furnished with a choice of dates as appropriate.

The Committee commended the officers involved for the work that had been undertaken in achieving the new rescue capabilities within Devon and Somerset. It was suggested that a press release should be issued highlighting the progress made, whereupon it was noted that a full launch of the specialist rescue capabilities was to be held in September 2010 following the delivery of the first of the new powered boats.

**\*DENOTES DELEGATED MATTER WITH POWER TO ACT**

The meeting started at 10.00hours and finished at 10.30hours