

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CORPORATE PLANNING COMMITTEE

(Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority)

13 January 2011

Present:-

Councillors Leaves (Chair), Manning (Vice Chair), Bown (vice Healey), Eastman, Foggin, Fry and Woodman

Apologies:-

Councillor Healey

***CSCPC/7. Minutes**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2010 be signed as a correct record.

***CSCPC/8. Declarations of Interest**

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

No interests were declared.

***CSCPC/9. Future Community Safety (Prevention and Protection) Strategy Principles**

The Committee received for information a report of the Director of Service Support (CSCPC/11/1) that set out proposals for the review of the Service's Prevention and Protection strategies to establish a targeted and intelligence led approach to activity to ensure that resources were directed to risk in the community.

The Head of Community Safety reported that the new approach proposed would mean that, on the prevention side, there would no longer be a free fire safety check but that this activity would be targeted to those most vulnerable. It was recognised that the Service would face challenges in identifying the vulnerable groups to be targeted but that help would be sought from partner agencies and the local communities and that funding would be redirected to assist with this.

In terms of protection, the proposed strategy had emanated from the Hampton review in 2005 which had considered how to reduce unnecessary administration without compromising the regulatory regime. The primary outcome of the review was for organisations to undertake comprehensive risk assessments to concentrate resources to the areas where it was needed most. For Devon and Somerset FRS, this would result in a "light touch" approach to fire safety checks in line with the proposed strategy as set out within paragraph 3.4 of report CSCP/11/1.

The Committee noted that the strategy principles were included within two specific proposals for service improvement that were set out within the Draft Corporate Plan for 2011/12 to 2013/14, as referred to in report CSCPC/11/2 elsewhere on the agenda.

NB MINUTE CSCPC/10 BELOW ALSO REFERS.

***CSCPC/10. Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority Draft Corporate Plan 2011/12 to 2013/14**

The Committee considered a report of the Chief Fire Officer (CSCPC/11/2) that set out proposals for key changes within the Corporate Plan for 2011/12 to 2012/13 to deliver organisational improvements whilst maintaining a focus on delivering the work required within the Authority's budget challenges. The report also proposed eight key service improvements (as set out in a separate document at Appendix B to report CSCPC/11/2) as a basis for consultation with the public and stakeholders. These service improvements were aimed at:

- Improving efficiency;
- Reducing costs, and;
- Generating income.

Following the consultation period which would commence on 17 January 2011 and finish on 10 April 2011, it was noted that the results would be fed back to the Authority at its meeting on 27 May 2011.

RESOLVED

- (a) That the Draft Corporate Plan 2011/12 to 2013/14 together with the separate Consultation Document outlining eight service improvement proposals (Appendix B to report CSCPC/11/2) be approved for consultation purposes;
- (b) that the associated engagement plan for consultation on the draft Corporate Plan 2011/12 to 2013/14 and eight service improvement proposals, as set out in Section 3 of this report and to include a 12 week consultation period to commence on Monday 17 January 2011, be approved;
- (c) that the outcome of the consultation period together with appropriate recommendations in relation to the Corporate Plan 2011/12 to 2013/14 and service improvement proposals be submitted to the full Authority meeting scheduled for 27 May 2011.

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

The meeting started at 10.00hours and finished at 11.05hours