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

Thursday 12 January 2012

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. **Apologies**
2. **Minutes** of the meeting held on 28 November 2011 attached (Page 1).
3. **Items Requiring Urgent Attention**

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

4. **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

5. **Overview of Community Safety Activities**

Presentation by the Head of Community Safety and the Corporate Planning Manager at the meeting.

6. **Hinckley Point C Development**

Report of the Director of Service Delivery (CSCP/12/1) attached (page 5).

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 Leaves (Chair), Brooksbank, Eastman, Foggin, Fry, Healey and 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)

28 November 2011

Present:-

Councillors Leaves (Chairman), Brooksbank, Eastman, Foggin, Healey and Mills (vice Woodman)

Apologies:-

Councillors Fry and Woodman

***CSCPC/14. Minutes**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 31 August 2011 be signed as a correct record.

***CSCPC/15. 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/16. Job Centre Plus**

The Committee received for information a presentation given by the Director of Service Support which gave an overview of the Job Centre Plus Training Programme and highlighted the following key points:

- That the purpose of the programme was to encourage 17 – 29 year olds in long term unemployment to realise their potential;
- That funding for 7 courses had been received from Job Centre Plus and was cost neutral to the organisation;
- That the results of the programme to date had seen a 100% improvement in the opportunities of participants with many going back into employment whilst others had gone back into full time education., At one event an employers directly offered interviews to two students following the pass out parade;
- That the programme was accredited enabling candidates to be awarded certification which could be used when seeking future employment;
- That the organisation was in discussion with Job Centre Plus in Somerset with a view to working in partnership to provide opportunities across the whole Devon and Somerset area; and,
- That a number of other Fire and Rescue Services were interested in using the Job Centre Plus programme to target their higher risk groups.

The Director of Service Support stated that the programme had been run as a pilot, and, on completion of the 7 funded courses, the organisation would evaluate the benefit to the community and look towards future aspirations.

Members of the Committee requested that the dates of future pass out parades were forwarded to them so that they could attend, when possible, to give support to the Programme.

***CSCPC/17. Community Safety Marketing Plan - Update**

The Committee received for information a presentation given by the Director of Service Support which set out the current position of Fire and Rescue Services nationally following Central Governments reduction in funding and resources in the provision of fire safety literature.

The Community Safety Support Manager advised the Committee that the organisation had identified the need to provide appropriate materials to support the reduction of risk in the community by implementing a Community Safety Marketing Plan which could extend beyond the simple provision of leaflets.

The following key points were highlighted:

- That the Community Safety department had used intelligence gathered from the Experian Mosaic system for prevention and protection activities and designed a marketing plan which could target the household types at higher risk than others;
- That a number of leaflets and posters had been designed with the Corporate Communications department to specifically target the household types at higher risk in the counties of Devon and Somerset; and,
- That a number of social marketing tools had been developed to ensure that the organisation was appealing to its highest risk groups.

The Community Safety Support Manager referred to the fireworks campaign which had launched in preparation for 5 November 2011 and indicated that it had been neutrally branded for use around the festive period. Additionally, it was noted that a home safety at Christmas campaign had been launched.

Members of the Committee requested that the Community Safety Support Manager presented the Community Safety Marketing Plan to the Members of the Fire and Rescue Authority at the next available Members Forum, and, further to this, circulated copies of the Marketing Plan packs and any additional marketing material for dissemination in their constituents.

***CSCPC/18. Firesetter Intervention Software Solution**

The Committee received for information a presentation given by the Service's Deliberate Fire Reduction Manager which provided an overview of the work being undertaken to deliver a software package which would provide better information with respect to firesetter activity and intervention.

In particular, the following issues were raised:

- That prevention activities were crucial in the reduction of deliberate fires as 44% of the fires attended by the Service were deliberate;

- That firesetter intervention programmes had been set up nationally to reduce the chances of young people playing with fire in the future; and,
- That the Service had identified the need for an internet based system which could be used by partner agencies and other Fire and Rescue Services as a means for referring and tracking individuals with firesetter motivation.

The Deliberate Fire Reduction Manager stated that intelligence had highlighted 4 key areas of motivation for firesetters and added it was the ambition of the Community Safety Department to develop work around these aspects in the future.

Members of the Committee requested further explanation of the referral process between agencies with respect to the Data Protection Act. The Director of Service Support clarified that the Service was currently working with partner agencies on a process for referrals in order to maintain confidentiality at all times through the use of safe systems of working and a secure information interchange.

Additionally, it was noted that the system would be launched in April 2012 and would provide consistency at a national level. Members of the Committee requested that a copy of the presentation be forwarded to them following the meeting.

***CSCPC/19. Fire Safety and Timber Framed Buildings**

The Committee received for information a presentation given by the Director of Service Support which set out the fire risks associated with timber framed buildings. The presentation highlighted, amongst other things:

- That the construction of timber framed buildings was increasing and that these were extremely susceptible to the risks of fire,
- That the Deputy Chief Fire Officer was Chairing a National Working Group to address the issues surrounding timber framed buildings which included participation, amongst others, from the Chief Fire Officers' Association (CFOA); United Kingdom Timber Frame Association and the Health and Safety Executive;

The Fire Safety Policy Support Officer referred to work that had been undertaken to test the validity of fire resistance techniques for timber framed buildings which could be adopted by building firms when constructing in built up urban areas. It was added that a 'Design Guide to Separating Distances for Timber Frame Buildings under Construction' had been created as one package in a suite of safety documents.

Further to this, the Director of Service Support stated that CFOA was hosting a National web based notification system that had been created to facilitate the notification to fire and rescue services of timber framed buildings that were under construction.

Members of the Committee requested that a copy of the presentation was forwarded to them following the meeting.

***CSCPC/20. Operational Risk Information System (ORIS)**

The Committee received for information a report of the Director of Service Support (CSCP/11/6) that set out details of the new Operational Risk Information System (ORIS) that enabled risk critical information to be made available to Incident Commanders (IC) on the incident ground via the Mobile Data Terminal (MDT). This information was crucial to inform the dynamic risk assessment (DRA) and tactical plan which in turn leads to greater Firefighter safety.

The report provided an update on the progress made in respect of ORIS and specifically, the Level 3 risk assessments undertaken.

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

The meeting started at 10.00hours and finished at 11.55hours



DEVON & SOMERSET FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY

REPORT REFERENCE NO.	CSCP/12/1
MEETING	COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CORPORATE PLANNING COMMITTEE
DATE OF MEETING	12 JANUARY 2012
SUBJECT OF REPORT	HINKLEY POINT C DEVELOPMENT
LEAD OFFICER	Director of Service Delivery
RECOMMENDATIONS	<p>(a) <i>that the Director of Service Delivery be authorised to register, by 23 January 2012, the Authority's interest in the Hinkley C development with the Infrastructure Planning Commission;</i></p> <p>(b) <i>that further reports associated with this significant development be submitted as required to future meetings;</i></p> <p>(c) <i>that, subject to (a) and (b) above, the report be noted.</i></p>
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	<p>The Authority has previously been informed of the intention by EDF to build a new nuclear generating station at Hinkley Point. This has now reached the stage whereby an application by NNB Generation Company Ltd. has been made for a Development Consent Order under the Planning Act 2008.</p> <p>This development will clearly have significant implications for the Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service. The Service has developed a strategy for addressing the issues raised by this development, including submission of appropriate responses to development applications etc. As part of this, the Service is required to complete by 23 January 2012 the relevant documentation to register its interest in this matter with the Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC), in accordance with the Infrastructure Planning (Interested Parties) Regulations 2010. This will register the Service as an interested party and enable it to take part in the examination process, including the submission of detailed written representations as required. This registration is a routine process and, while timing has precluded the inclusion of the completed registration form with this agenda, it is hoped to have a copy available at the meeting.</p>

	As part of its strategy in relation to this development, the Service will be assessing and identifying specific resource implications linked to the main build. Further reports on this will be submitted as necessary to future meetings.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	None associated with this report. The Hinkley C development could, however, have significant resources implications for this Authority and Service. These will be addressed in future reports.
EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT	Not applicable to this report.
APPENDICES	Nil.
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS	Nil.