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**To: The Chair and Members of the  
Community Safety and Corporate  
Planning Committee (see below)**

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

**Friday 7 December 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**

***PLEASE REFER TO THE NOTES AT THE END OF THE AGENDA LISTING SHEETS***

1. **Apologies**
2. **Minutes** of the meeting held on 5 October 2012 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.

**PART 1 – OPEN COMMITTEE**

4. **Charitable Status - Update**

The Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service will shortly be advertising for a fund raising officer and establishing one of the first 'Charitable Incorporated Organisation'. A presentation will be given at the Committee by the Director of Service Support giving a brief update on progress to date on the Charitable Incorporated Organisation, its next steps and an exciting prospect regarding a significant donation.

**5. Success of the "Honest Truth" Campaign**

A presentation will be given at the meeting by the Director of Service Support to provide a brief update on the success of the 'Honest Truth' drivers education programme developed by the Service and the Devon Road Safety Partnership. The programme has received national acclaim and there is significant interest from other FRS's and National Driving Schools.

**6. Fatal Fire Review - Update**

Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service (DSFRS) has completed two fatal fire reviews since introducing this process earlier in the 2012. The initial results have demonstrated that the Service can use the learning from such tragedies to work with other agencies in order to reduce the risk of similar future fires. A presentation will be given at the meeting by the Director of Service Support to provide details of the outcomes to date and the positive work carried out by DSFRS.

**7. "Firemark" - National Campaign**

DSFRS has developed a national programme to engage with landlords in the private sector. The programme is ready for a national launch and the Committee will be provided with an update in a presentation to the meeting by the Director of Service Support to give first sight of what it is believed will be a ground breaking programme.

**8. Fire Safety Product**

Testing smoke alarms is critical to ensure they work when needed. Through a simple innovation DSFRS has identified a cost effective tool to assist people to carry out this weekly routine. A local business has been able to manufacture the device and they are confident it has both national and international potential. As a result of a joint initiative the new DSFRS charity will benefit from all sales.

A presentation will be given at the meeting by the Director of Service Support to update the Committee on this matter.

**9. Tier 3 Response Vehicles**

A presentation will be given at the meeting by the Director of Service Support to give the Committee an overview on the variety of Tiered Response assets that DSFRS deploys at Tier 3 to complement the Light Rescue Pumps at Tier 1 and Enhanced Rescue Pumps at Tier 2.

**10. Fire 999 DVD**

Report of the Director of Service Support (CSCP/12/5) attached (page 3).

**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), Mrs. Bakewell MBE, Brooksbank, Eastman, Foggin, Fry and Healey.

| <b>NOTES</b> |   |
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| <b>1.</b>    | <p><b><u>Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (Authority Members only)</u></b></p> <p>If you have any disclosable pecuniary interests (as defined by Regulations) in any item(s) to be considered at this meeting then, unless you have previously obtained a dispensation from the Authority's Monitoring Officer, you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) disclose any such interest at the time of commencement of consideration of the item in which you have the interest or, if later, as soon as it becomes apparent to you that you have such an interest;</li> <li>(b) leave the meeting room during consideration of the item in which you have such an interest, taking no part in any discussion or decision thereon; and</li> <li>(c) not seek to influence improperly any decision on the matter in which you have such an interest.</li> </ul> <p>If the interest is sensitive (as agreed with the Monitoring Officer), you need not disclose the nature of the interest but merely that you have a disclosable pecuniary interest of a sensitive nature. You must still follow (b) and (c) above.</p> |
| <b>2.</b>    | <p><b><u>Part 2 Reports</u></b></p> <p>Members are reminded that any Part 2 reports as circulated with the agenda for this meeting contain exempt information and should therefore be treated accordingly. They should not be disclosed or passed on to any other person(s). Members are also reminded of the need to dispose of such reports carefully and are therefore invited to return them to the Committee Secretary at the conclusion of the meeting for disposal.</p>  |
| <b>3.</b>    | <p><b><u>Substitute Members (Committee Meetings only)</u></b></p> <p>Members are reminded that, in accordance with Standing Order 35, the Clerk (or his representative) must be advised of any substitution prior to the start of the meeting. Members are also reminded that substitutions are not permitted for full Authority meetings.</p>  |
| <b>4.</b>    | <p><b><u>Access to Information</u></b></p> <p>Any person wishing to inspect any minutes, reports or lists of background papers relating to any item on this agenda should contact the person listed in the "Please ask for" section at the top of this agenda.</p>  |

## **COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CORPORATE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

(Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority)

5 October 2012

### Present:-

Councillors Leaves (Chair), Mrs. Bakewell MBE, Brooksbank, Eastman, Foggin, Fry and Healey.

### Also in attendance:-

Councillors Burridge-Clayton, Knight and Yeomans

#### **\*CSCPC/12. Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2012 be signed as a correct record.

#### **\*CSCPC/13. Declarations of Interest**

Members were asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests they had in items as set out on the agenda for this meeting and to declare any such interests at this time.

No such interests were declared.

#### **CSCPC/14. Establishment of a Charitable Arm**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Service Support (CSCPC/12/3) on a proposal to establish a charitable arm and employ, initially on a twelve-month fixed term contract, a dedicated fund-raising officer. The aim of this initiative was to access funding streams otherwise unavailable to the Service to support community safety initiatives. The initiative was fully in-keeping with the wider localism and community empowerment agenda and similar ventures undertaken in Merseyside and Wales had proven highly effective.

**RESOLVED** that the Fire & Rescue Authority be recommended to approve:

- (a) the establishment of a charitable arm for the purpose of securing funding to deliver community safety initiatives for and with communities in Devon and Somerset; and
- (b) the employment of a fundraising officer on the basis as set out in section 7 of report CSCPC/12/3.

#### **\*CSCPC/15. DSFRS Position in Relation to the National Fire Kills Campaign Annual Report 2011/12**

The Committee received for information a report of the Director of Service Support (CSCPC/12/4) identifying notable safety activity undertaken by the Devon Fire & Rescue Service during 2011/12. This activity was in part aligned to but also went beyond that delivered as part of the national Fire Kills Campaign, for which the 2011/12 Annual Report had recently been published.

The Service activities, being data led and target driven, were aligned specifically to risks within Devon and Somerset unlike the national Fire Kills Campaign which nonetheless provided a useful method to deliver, at no cost to the Service, fire safety information using a wide range of popular media

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

The meeting started at 10.00hours and finished at 10.26hours



# DEVON & SOMERSET FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY

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| <b>REPORT REFERENCE NO.</b>                    | <b>CSCP/12/5</b>  |
| <b>MEETING</b>                                 | <b>COMMUNITY SAFETY &amp; CORPORATE PLANNING COMMITTEE</b>  |
| <b>DATE OF MEETING</b>                         | <b>7 DECEMBER 2012</b>  |
| <b>SUBJECT OF REPORT</b>                       | <b>FIRE 999 DVD – PLYMOUTH PEOPLE FIRST</b>   |
| <b>LEAD OFFICER</b>                            | <b>DIRECTOR OF SERVICE SUPPORT</b>  |
| <b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>                         | <i>To note the report and receive the presentation</i>  |
| <b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b>                       | Plymouth People First, a self-advocacy organisation for adults with a learning disability, have produced a fire safety DVD called FIRE 999. |
| <b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>                   | None  |
| <b>EQUALITY RISK &amp; BENEFITS ASSESSMENT</b> | Not required at this stage  |
| <b>APPENDICES</b>                              | None  |
| <b>LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS</b>               | None  |

1. **BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 In 2011 Plymouth People First (a self-advocacy organisation for adults with a learning disability) applied successfully for Lottery funding to produce a fire safety DVD. The need for such a DVD arose as Plymouth Support Group had been giving fire safety input to the advocacy groups (about 120 adults with a learning disability) and it became apparent that safety information was required in order to reduce risk.
- 1.2 Adults with a learning disability were involved in planning the film and subsequently starred in it alongside DSFRS personnel from Plymouth. The film is in accessible chapters and called FIRE 999 as some people think 999 only calls the police.
- 1.3 The film is 30 minutes long and covers night time routines, what to do if your house is on fire, how to book a home fire safety check and has an interactive spot the fire hazard chapter. The chapters are broken up with vox pops from members of Plymouth People First answering specific questions about fire safety.
- 1.4 DSFRS paid for the film launch which premiered in June during Learning Disability Week. Although made for adults with a learning disability, its accessible nature makes it appropriate for many different community and protected characteristic groups. 500 copies have been dispersed in Plymouth.
- 1.5 Plymouth People First have plans for wider use of FIRE 999 including making an eLearning package that can be sold to other fire services around the UK. This could be produced in different versions e.g. BSL, Makaton, Polish, Chinese etc. Monies generated from the sale of the package could then be reinvested and used to train up adults with a learning disability, to deliver training alongside DSFRS advocates, providing meaningful employment whilst promoting fire safety and prevention to numerous vulnerable people.

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**Director of Service Support**