

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CORPORATE PLANNING COMMITTEE

(Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority)

4 September 2013

Present:-

Councillors Colthorpe, Eastman, Ellery, Owen, Prior-Sankey and Woodman (vice Bown).

Apologies:-

Councillor Bown

Attending in accordance with Standing Order 36

Councillor Gordon

***CSCPC/6. Election of Chair**

In light of the resignation of the formerly appointed Chair as an Authority Member and the resulting vacancy, the Vice-Chairman invited nominations for the position.

Councillor Woodman proposed, with Councillor Colthorpe seconding, that Councillor Eastman be appointed Chair of the Committee until its first meeting following the Authority annual meeting in 2014.

There being no other nominations, it was subsequently

RESOLVED that Councillor Eastman be appointed as Chair of the Committee until its first meeting after the Authority annual meeting in 2014.

***CSCPC/7. Minutes**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2013 be signed as a correct record.

***CSCPC/8. Integrated Risk Management Planning (IRMP)**

The Director of Operations reported for information on progress to date in relation to implementation of the eleven proposals approved by the Authority at its meeting on 10 July 2013 as part of its current Corporate Plan 2013-14 to 2014-15.

Each proposal had its own implementation plan, with dedicated governance arrangements and a designated lead officer. Some of the proposals (for example, proposal 3 on the mobilisation of one co-responder either from home or work) were more advanced and at the point of being implemented in the near future. Other proposals, such as the changes to the crewing of three appliances in Plymouth (proposal 6) and proposed changes to the crewing of the second appliances at Taunton and Torquay station (proposals 9 and 10 respectively) would come on stream later owing to the need to ensure effective and efficient implementation, being sympathetic to the wishes of affected staff as far as was practicable.

The likely time taken for implementation had, however, been factored into the costings and associated savings for each proposal and implementation would be secured so as to achieve the required level of savings by 31 March 2015.

***CSCPC/9. Reference from Full Authority Meeting – Establishment of Integrated Planning Group**

(Councillor Gordon attended and spoke to this item in accordance with Standing Order 36).

The Committee considered a joint report of the Clerk to the Authority and Director of Operations (CSCPC/13/4) on the referral from the Authority meeting on 10 July 2013 of a motion proposed by Councillor Gordon advocating the establishment of an integrated planning group to prepare for future years' corporate and financial planning.

The report highlighted, amongst other things:

- relevant constitutional and legal issues;
- integrated risk management planning (IRMP) requirements as set down in the current iteration of the Fire and Rescue Service National Framework for England;
- The current IRMP process, including consultation with the community and partners, adopted by the Authority.

Following debate of the issue, Councillor Colthorpe **MOVED**, with Councillor Owen seconding, that the recommendation as printed in the report be approved.

Councillor Ellery moved that Councillor Colthorpe's motion be **AMENDED** by inclusion of an additional resolution that community partnerships be included in those bodies consulted in integrated risk management proposals.

Councillor Colthorpe accepted the amendment whereupon, there being no further motions, it was

RESOLVED

- (a) that, as it is in the interests of the Authority to consider information from constituent authorities (such as future planning policy, growth forecasts, nature and type of future risk), those Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service officers responsible for developing future Integrated Risk Management Plans (IRMPs) be tasked to meet formally with each of the four constituent authorities - prior to the consultation stage of each IRMP - to confirm that assumptions being made by the Authority are correct and to inform the process;
- (b) that, notwithstanding (a) above, it be acknowledged that any proposals associated with the Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service are a matter for the Authority to determine, after considering feedback from public consultation as required and in accordance with the requirements of the Fire and Rescue Service National Framework for England;
- (c) that community partnerships be included in those bodies consulted in integrated risk management proposals.

***CSCPC/10. Specialist Capabilities**

RESOLVED that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

***CSCPC/11. Safe South West Update**

The Committee received for information a presentation on progress to date with the establishment of a vehicle aimed at accessing funding streams for community safety activities that might otherwise be unavailable to the Authority. The presentation:

- outlined the background to and objectives for the initiative;
- confirmed that Safe South West had been established as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with its own bank account;
- illustrated the branding to be used by Safe South West;
- outlined the next steps to be taken (including Trustee meetings, a formal launch and communication plan); and
- identified those funding streams and potential projects currently being explored.

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

The meeting started at 10.00hours and finished at 11.55hours.