

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CORPORATE PLANNING COMMITTEE

(Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority)

17 September 2014

Present:-

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

Apologies:-

Councillor Bown

***CSCPC/7. Minutes**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2014 be signed as a correct record.

***CSCPC/8. Planning Framework**

The Director of Operations gave a presentation at the meeting to update the Committee on the revised Corporate Planning Framework model which set out how the Service was aiming to work within its overall performance management cycle of “plan-do-review”.

The presentation demonstrated how the model for the Service’s direction in the future was set within the Corporate Strategy and how this aligned with activity through the organisation to deliver business as usual and improvement.

The Area Manager for Analysis and Data advised the Committee that the new Corporate Strategy was based on 3 key priorities for the Service, namely:

- Community safety;
- Firefighter safety and;
- Efficiency and effectiveness.

These 3 key priorities would be underpinned by 6 individual strategies in key areas, including:

- Response;
- Prevention and protection;
- Information technology;
- Assets;
- Finance, and;
- People.

In terms of performance, it was proposed that the measures would, in future, be split into strategic and operational measures and that these would be “leading” rather than “lagging” as at present.

The Director of Operations, in response to a question related to the recent Peer Assessment that had been undertaken with the Service, stated that the feedback from this process had been very well received. He added that this Committee had a key role to play in the corporate planning process, particularly in view of the continued financial restrictions and changes in practices that would be necessary in the future to meet this and other challenges. He added that more detailed proposals would be presented to Members in due course.

***CSCPC/9. Blue Light Innovation Group**

The Director of Operations gave a presentation at the meeting in respect of the Blue Light Innovations Group which had been established in conjunction with the Police and Ambulances Services and the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital (RDE) recently to:

- Develop a strategic systems peer network;
- Scope areas for joint collaboration;
- Develop joint protocols for prevention & protection and;
- Scope further areas for joint response.

The presentation highlighted potential ways in which service delivery could be enhanced in the future based on a collaborative approach utilising shared data.

***CSCPC/10. Rapid Intervention Units - Pilot Study**

The Director of Operations gave a presentation at the meeting that set out how the Service's Response and Resilience Department would be running a new pilot of different types of Rapid Intervention Units (RIUs) to try to maximise the opportunities to utilise modern firefighting concepts and innovations.

***CSCPC/11. Community Capacity Building Project**

The Committee received for information a report of the Director of Operations (CSCPC/14/4) that gave an overview of the Service's Community Capacity Building Project which had been initiated between the Devon and Cornwall Police, the South West Ambulance Services Trust (SWAST) and the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service. The key theme of the Project was to work with and support communities to become more resilient, cohesive and encourage emergency preparedness.

The Committee noted that this was a 12 month pilot involving six communities, three in Devon and three in Cornwall. It was hoped that this model could be replicated in other areas of Devon and Somerset following the initial pilot.

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

The meeting started at 10.00hours and finished at 11.55hours