



DEVON & SOMERSET FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY

REPORT REFERENCE NO.	DSFRA/12/28
MEETING	DEVON & SOMERSET FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY
DATE OF MEETING	19 DECEMBER 2012
SUBJECT OF REPORT	NEPAL FIREFIGHTER TRAINING
LEAD OFFICER	Chief Fire Officer
RECOMMENDATIONS	<i>That the report be noted</i>
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	<p>This report outlines the provision by Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service staff of training to a multi-agency audience in Kathmandu, Nepal, in support of the establishment of a self-sustaining fire and rescue capability for that country.</p> <p>As a mark of thanks, the Chief Fire Officer will receive on behalf of the Service a framed Letter of Appreciation at the meeting.</p>
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	Nil.
EQUALITY RISKS AND BENEFITS ASSESSMENT	Not applicable
APPENDICES	Nil.
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS	Nil.

1. During October and November of this year four members of the Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service undertook a 6 week trip to Kathmandu, Nepal, to deliver a basic fire fighting course to 30 multi-agency participants to assist the country in developing a self-sustaining emergency response provision both by direct training and in helping identify trainers and instructors for the future.
2. The course, held at the Police Training Academy in Kathmandu, was attended by members from the Nepal Army, Police, Armed Police and Kathmandu Municipal Fire fighters and the syllabus covered, amongst other things, ladders, firefighting appliances and the use of breathing apparatus. The course, which was the first of its kind in the history of the Nepalese Fire Service, was funded from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).
3. During its time in Nepal, the Service team attended many meetings and provided training and advice on wide range of issues necessary to progress the organisation of a Fire Service throughout Nepal, including:
 - equipment;
 - types of appliances required;
 - ways to procure appliances;
 - mobilising and communications strategies;
 - information gathering;
 - educational programmes; and
 - changing legislation to support a National Fire Service infrastructure and its long term sustainability.
4. Members of the team will attend the Fire Authority meeting to present a framed Letter of Appreciation and will be available to discuss the trip and outline potential future opportunities.

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Chief Fire Officer