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

28 September 2016

Present:-

Councillors Eastman (Chair), Ellery, Hill, Leaves (Vice-Chair), Burridge-Clayton and Coles

* CSCP/9 Minutes

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 July 2016 be signed as a correct record.

* CSCPC/10 Corporate Planning Framework Review

The Committee considered a report of the Area Manager – Community Safety (CSCPC/16/5) that set out the position in respect of the review of the corporate performance measures which it was intended should be better aligned with strategic priorities and expected outcomes.

The Committee noted that the review had been extended to include a revisit of the corporate planning framework, including department plans and local community plans. There would also be an opportunity to lok at the national picture to ensure that the performance measures to be adopted would align with Government expectations. It was intended that the proposals for new corporate measures would come back to this Committee for approval early in 2017.

* CSCP/11 Business Safety

The Committee received for information a report of the Area Manager - Community Safety – (CSCPC/16/6) that set out the proposed change in title for the Community Safety Fire Protection team to Business Safety. This aligned with the approach taken by other fire and rescue services nationally to promote consistency and clarity in the role of Business Safety teams and was also aimed at encouraging businesses to be compliant with the provisions in the Regulatory reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (RRO). The report set out the proposed new job titles within the business safety department.

Reference was made in particular to Operation Trojan which had been really effective in the Torbay area as a means of encouraging business to be more compliant with the RRO. There were 15 court cases pending as a result of the work that had been undertaken which had sent out a strong message to the business community.

* CSCP/12 Road Traffic Collisions

The Committee received for information a presentation given at the meeting by the Road Safety Manager.

The presentation covered the following points:

- Statistics for 2015 it was noted that it took time for statistics to be prepared and thus the Service was usually working with data that was a year behind. The figures for road traffic collision in 2015 showed the lowest fatality figures involving both young drivers and motorcyclists since 2010. More people were surviving road traffic collisions now due to preventative measures such as wearing seatbelts and not using mobile phones etc.
- Education getting the message across to students through the Honest Truth campaign and a consistent package was now in place to deliver this across both counties; use this as a basis to deliver the road safety message to schools
- Methods of engagement included an age approach learning through repetition and singing and encouraging children to feel empowered to ask their parents to stop when they thought behaviour was inappropriate. Also used publications and activity at Paignton Zoo in four enclosures which was very successful. Reference to National Red Thumb Day in addition.
- Reference was made to the collaborative approach being taken by the Service including PFCSO engagement and the Learn to Live programme.

*DENOTES DELEGATED MATTER WITH POWER TO ACT

The Meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 11.35 am