

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

13 February 2017

Present:-

Councillors Eastman (Chair), Colthorpe, Leaves (Vice-Chair) and Coles (sub Hill).

Apologies:-

Councillors Bown and Ellery.

* **CSCPC/13 Minutes**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 September 2016 be signed as a correct record.

* **CSCPC/14 Creating an Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP)**

The Committee received for information a report of the Assistant Chief Fire Officer – Service Improvement – (CSCPC/17/1) that set out the approach that the Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority was proposing to take in the development of its new Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP).

The Authority had previously included its IRMP within the Corporate Plan: “Creating Safer Communities: Our Plan 2015 to 2020” but it was felt that this document was aimed at setting out the vision and direction the Service wished to go in whereas the IRMP was setting out the mechanisms through which this could be delivered. The aims of an IRMP were to:

- Improve community safety and make a more effective use of fire and rescue service resources;
- Reduce the incidence of fires; reducing loss of life in fires and accidents; reducing the number and severity of injuries;
- Safeguard the environment and protect the National Heritage;
- Provide communities with value for money.

The Service had established a Working Group to look specifically at the IRMP. The Working Group would be looking to:

- research actual risk faced by communities across Devon and Somerset;
- quantify data into a risk rating for measurement enabling improvement and understanding how our activities affect risk;
- re-evaluate the Service’s Protection, Prevention, and Response arrangements against actual risk; and
- produce options for consideration.

It was noted that the options produced by the Working Group would be submitted to a Members' Forum in March 2017. A draft version of the proposed IRMP would then be submitted to this Committee for consideration at its next meeting on 21 April 2017.

* **CSCPC/15 Rollout of New Home Safety Approach**

The Committee received for information a report of the Assistant Chief Fire Officer – Service Delivery – (CSCPC/17/2) that set out the proposed rollout of a new and improved Home Fire Safety process that it was anticipated would:

- free up capacity within Groups;
- have a dedicated team of technicians with fully equipped vans to deliver home safety services;
- result in an increase in Home Safety Visits to over 20,000 per year;
- roll-out a consistent process across the Service which enabled the most vulnerable members of our community to be targeted and gain improved access to services including the booking and agreement of visits at the point of contact.

It was noted that, whilst this would result in a cost to the Service of £281k in 2017/18, it would provide more accurate targeting of the most vulnerable people in the community via a consistent and measurable and scalable approach.

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

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 11.25 am