



MINUTES OF THE PERFORMANCE AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE held on 7 October 2009 at Lecture Theatre, FSHQ at 10:00.

PRESENT: Councillors D Bateman, K Musgrave, S Nelson, C Oliver, M Simon (Chair), N Wright and Independent Member W Ravenscroft

APOLOGIES: Councillor Andrew Needham

PART 1 – MATTERS CONSIDERED IN PUBLIC

1 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

A Declaration of Members' Interests

There were no declarations of Members interests

B Minutes of the Meeting of the Performance and Overview Committee held on Wednesday 8 July 2009

RESOLVED: That

- [1] the minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 8 July be confirmed as a correct record.

MAJOR ITEMS REQUIRING DISCUSSION / DECISION

2 PERFORMANCE AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE : FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Deputy Monitoring Officer presented Members with a proposed Forward Work Programme that contained planning for ongoing scrutiny and monitoring functions for the Committee. Members were advised that the internal audit reports had been programmed into the draft forward plan and headline targets for 2009/10 in the IRMP were attached. It was noted that there were in total 30 targets split across the three functional areas.

Members discussed the possible options for reviewing the Services targets and highlighted key areas that they would scrutinise at forthcoming meetings.

RESOLVED: That

- [1] the proposed forward work plan be approved;
[2] two headline targets from each of the 2009/10 IRMP targets for service

area be selected as follows:

ER:

- Introduce a further three midi fire appliances at Congleton, Northwich and Wilmslow Community Fire Stations by October 2009
- Introduce 12 hour shifts and working arrangements on all of the Authority's wholetime stations by January 2010

CRR:

- Reduce the numbers of unwanted fire signals (UWFS) from automatic fire alarm systems by 10% based upon 2007/08 figures
- Work with partners to achieve a 40% reduction in the numbers of people killed or seriously injured on the roads of Cheshire, Halton and Warrington by 2010 (against an average for 1994-98)

CS:

- Reduce the incidence of staff sickness to 6 days lost per person per annum during 2009/10
- Complete the training and office extension at the Service's Headquarters by June 2010 within the agreed budget

[3] the implementation of the forward work plan be approved with a refined plan to be further developed from the selected targets for scrutiny and monitoring and presented to the committee at the next meeting; and

[4] updates be received on all headline targets including the 'Whatever it takes campaign' in terms of progress and outcomes.

3 PRINCES TRUST TEAM PROGRAMME DELIVERY PARTNER : ANNUAL QUALITY REVIEW

The Area Manager, Community Fire Safety presented Members with the Princes Trust Team Programme Annual Quality Review. It was noted that Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service were a delivery partner for the Princes Trust and were contracted to deliver a number of Team Programmes in Cheshire West and Chester, Cheshire East, Halton and Warrington. Funding for these programmes was subsidised through the Learning Skills Council through local colleges. Through the period 31 April 2008 and 31 March 2009 the service ran 11 team programmes. The review highlighted positive areas where the service is working well however, it also noted some areas that the service could improve on.

RESOLVED: That

[1] the report be received.

4 ANNUAL HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

The Chief Fire Officer presented Members with the Annual Health and Safety Report. The report provided analysis for accident reports for the period April 2008 to March 2009. Additionally the report highlighted health and safety achievements and reported on progress against targets and proposed new targets for the coming year.

RESOLVED: That

- [1] the content of the report be noted; and
- [2] The Committee accepts the report as evidence that Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service is managing its Corporate responsibility for Health and Safety.

5 URGENT BUSINESS – STANDING ORDER NO 3.69

None

PART 2 – BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

There is no business to be discussed in private.