

LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY

Monday, 14 September 2020 at 10.00 am - Virtual meeting accessible via MS Teams and YouTube (as a live webcast)

MINUTES

PRESENT:

F De Molfetta (Chairman)

Councillors

L Beavers

S Blackburn

P Britcliffe

I Brown

S Clarke

J Eaton

N Hennessy

S Holgate

D Howarth

Jane Hugo

A Kay

H Khan

M Khan OBE

Z Khan

T Martin

D O'Toole

M Pattison

A Riggott

J Shedwick

D Smith

D Stansfield

T Williams

73/19 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The Chairman, CC Frank De Molfetta welcomed Authority Members and members of the press and public to the virtual committee meeting of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority. He advised that in response to the Covid-19 Pandemic the Government had made regulations that enabled virtual meetings. This meeting was accessible for Committee Members via Microsoft Teams and for members of the press and public via a live webcast on YouTube.

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Jane Hugo from Blackpool Council and County Councillor Margaret Pattison from Lancashire County Council who had replaced Councillor Fred Jackson and County Councillor Miles Parkinson on the Authority. He thanked both Fred and Miles for their long service and dedication to the work of the Authority.

The Chairman took the opportunity to congratulate former Deputy Chief Fire Officer, David Russel on his promotion to Chief Fire Officer of Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service. On behalf of the Authority the Chairman thanked Dave for his 29 years' service to the people of Lancashire and wished him well in his new post.

The Authority recognised the sad loss of so many people who had lost their lives to the Covid 19 pandemic.

The Chairman asked that it be put on record the excellent work that the Service had done and continued to do during this difficult time, not only to maintain a response to emergencies but to work in partnership especially supporting the Lancashire Resilience Forum for the benefit of the people of Lancashire.

Mr Mark Nolan, Clerk to the Authority conducted a roll call and Authority Members individually confirmed their attendance.

74/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from County Councillors Liz Oades and George Wilkins.

75/19 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

The Chairman invited nominations for the appointment of Vice-Chairman for the remainder of the term 2020/21 and County Councillor Hennessy was nominated. No further nominations were received. The Clerk held a vote and the motion was CARRIED unanimously.

CC Hennessy thanked all Members for their support in her appointment. She also took the opportunity to thank Councillor Jackson and County Councillor Parkinson for their work on the Authority and to congratulate David Russel on his appointment as Chief Fire Officer at Manchester.

Following a request from County Councillor O'Toole it was agreed that the Clerk would write on behalf of the Authority to Councillor Jackson and County Councillor Parkinson to formally express gratitude and to acknowledge their work on the Authority.

The Chairman announced that CC Hennessy would now become the Planning Committee Chairman, CC Khan would become the Audit Committee Chairman and that CC Pattison would take on the responsibility of Health and Wellbeing Champion.

RESOLVED: - That:

- i) County Councillor Hennessy be appointed Vice-Chairman of the CFA for the remainder of the term 2020/21;
- ii) Changes to Member responsibilities be noted; and
- iii) The Clerk formally writes to Councillor Fred Jackson and County Councillor Miles Parkinson.

76/19 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

CC Hennessy disclosed a pecuniary interest in item 9 on the agenda as an allowance was payable by the Local Government Association (LGA) to Members of the LGA Fire Services Management Committee.

77/19 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: - That the Minutes of the CFA held on 24 February 2020 be confirmed for signature by the Chairman.

78/19 MINUTES OF MEETING WEDNESDAY, 24 JUNE 2020 OF PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Committee, County Councillor Holgate thanked those who attended the first virtual meeting of the Committee which he thought went particularly well.

County Councillor Riggott raised for the attention of the full Authority that on page 28 (resolution 22/19 refers) and page 29 under Key Performance Indicator 1.3 for Accidental Dwelling Fires that the reporting of comparable activity from the previous year had been incorrectly stated as a decrease which was on both occasions an increase. He felt that scrutiny was important and was concerned why this had happened. In response CC Holgate thanked CC Riggott for his meticulous reading of the reports and asked officers to make sure this typographical error did not reoccur. The Clerk confirmed that amended Measuring Performance reports would be available on the Performance page of the Service website.

County Councillor Pattison referred to the work of the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership detailed on page 35 particularly in relation to child pedestrian training at reception, year 1 and year 2 at almost every primary school in the county. CC Pattison had receive a number of concerns from head teachers and parents who (now due to covid-19) were not able to drop the children off in the playground at school and this was leading to increased risk on the roadside. CC Pattison queried whether the training could be increased to all children. In response CC Holgate felt it was appropriate to work in partnership with the Police to provide guidance to head teachers and parents to drop off children in as safe a manner as possible. The Assistant Chief Fire Officer reassured Members that this would be on the agenda for the next meeting of the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership executive in October.

In relation to the overall activity detailed on page 29, County Councillor Clarke was concerned that 47% were false alarms and he had raised the point at the Committee meeting that repeat offenders should be charged a cost for the turnout or face a penalty. CC Holgate confirmed that the procedures used at North West Fire Control did filter out a lot of false alarm calls and agreed that businesses should be supported to ensure their equipment was adequate particularly at this challenging time as many tried to keep their businesses afloat.

In response to questions raised by County Councillor Britcliffe, the Assistant Chief Fire Officer confirmed that the classification of a call as a False Alarm came after attendance when the cause could be determined. These were most commonly either person error or most predominantly, equipment failure (which was classed in the incident recording system as an unwanted fire signal from an automated fire alarm system). The Service had not issued a financial penalty to date but this was something that could be evaluated. The Service did however use the Fire Service Order legislation to mandate premises to make changes to their fire risk assessment and/or equipment and the Service did follow these up. In addition, if 2 calls were received concerning a building this triggered an evaluation of that building. He advised that there were repeat offenders and some high risk significant buildings where changes following building work could see an increase in calls however in the main the number of repeat offenders were very small across the commercial premises in Lancashire.

CC Britcliffe asked that a detailed report be provided to an Authority meeting. The Authority Chairman stated that previously when this concern had been discussed at the Performance Committee, Members expressed that the Service did respond to these calls as there could be a serious fire however, it was felt that this issue could be looked at again to see if any improvements could be made to ensure building owners carried out their duties.

CC Eaton expressed concern that while the Service was dealing with a false alarm there could be a genuine fire elsewhere and any delay could be at the cost of someone's life.

CC Holgate agreed that the Performance Committee would commission officers to bring a detailed report to a future meeting that explored potential changes to response arrangements which could result in a reduction of attendance at false alarm calls.

RESOLVED: - That:

- i) A detailed report be provided to a future Performance Committee meeting that supported the reduction of attendance to false alarm calls; and
- ii) The proceedings of the Performance Committee held on 24 June 2020 be noted and endorsed.

79/19 MINUTES OF MEETING MONDAY, 13 JULY 2020 OF PLANNING COMMITTEE

In response to a question raised by CC Shedwick the Director of Corporate Services confirmed that consultants had been commissioned to look at a draft business case on the relocation of Service Headquarters and options would be presented to Members at the next Strategy Group for consideration.

RESOLVED: - That the proceedings of the Planning Committee held on 13 July 2020 be noted and endorsed.

80/19 MINUTES OF MEETING TUESDAY, 28 JULY 2020 OF AUDIT COMMITTEE

County Councillor O'Toole asked that a thorough update be provided of the money received from HM Government (for covid-19) detailing how and where this had been spent and including what the balance was and what that would be used for. The Director of Corporate Services confirmed that at the Resources Committee scheduled for the end of the month details would be provided in the Financial Monitoring report.

RESOLVED: - That the proceedings of the Audit Committee held on 28 July 2020 be noted and endorsed.

81/19 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

The Clerk presented a report received on behalf of County Councillor Hennessy which detailed background information and key points raised at Local Government Association meetings of: the Firefighters Pensions Scheme Advisory Board, the Fire Commission, the Fire Service Management Committee and the Emergency Services Mobile Communications Project which she had attended on behalf of the Authority.

As the Authority was the body responsible for the pension scheme CC Hennessy felt that training by Clair Alcock, Senior Pension Adviser of the LGA, would be beneficial for all Members. CC Shedwick observed that often when considering budget items there was a lot of information received regarding the pension scheme therefore this training would be very much appreciated.

RESOLVED: - That:

- i) The report be noted; and
- ii) The Authority received a presentation by the senior pension adviser of the LGA.

82/19 PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS FOR 2020/21 AND 2021/22

Members raised concern over the sound quality during virtual meetings. It was acknowledged that Members were requested to turn off their microphones and videos unless speaking to assist this and that Lancashire County Councillors who were using their home authority corporate lap tops could benefit from the Teams app being available on their devices.

RESOLVED: - That the proposed programme of meetings for the Combined Fire Authority for 2020/21 and 2021/22 be agreed as: -

2020/21

27 April 2020*
15 June 2020* (Annual meeting of the CFA)
14 September 2020
14 December 2020
22 February 2021 (Budget Setting Meeting)

*cancelled in line with the Coronavirus Act

2021/22

26 April 2021
28 June 2021 (Annual Meeting of the CFA)
13 September 2021
13 December 2021

21 February 2022 (Budget Meeting)

83/19 EXECUTIVE BOARD SUCCESSION ARRANGEMENTS

Mr Warren, Director of People and Development advised that the recruitment process for the Deputy Chief Fire Officer role was a live process following David Russel's promotion to the Chief Fire Officer of Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Services.

He confirmed that to ensure there were enough candidates a sector specific consultancy was employed to raise awareness of the role across a whole cohort of suitable people (including those who had taken the sector executive leadership

programme and across UK Fire Service contacts with Chief Fire Officers and others at a senior level and networks) to encourage people to participate in the process. This resulted in 45 people invited to have a confidential interview of which 25 potential candidates took this option before deciding whether to make a formal application.

It was noted that the process would conclude for shortlisted candidates with a Member and Chief Fire Officer Interview panel on Thursday that week.

RESOLVED: - That the report be noted and endorsed.

84/19 HMICFRS COVID-19 INSPECTION

The Chief Fire Officer advised that Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) had confirmed that it was undertaking for all Fire and Rescue Services (FRS) in England an interim review of the sector's response to the covid-19 pandemic in order to draw out any common learning. The main focus was identifying what worked well and the contribution that the sector had made. The assessment was not scored but it would feed into the formal assessment next year. A narrative report of all England FRS from the HMICFRS was expected to be published alongside the next State of the Nation report at Christmastime.

The Chief Fire Officer confirmed that the Service had conducted its own review of its response to the pandemic which included a staff survey and this had been fed into the National Fire Chief Council's review of the process.

In terms of business continuity, there had been a great contribution from all staff who were dealing effectively with the largest incident ever faced alongside a lot of operational activity (such as the wildland fires at Longridge Fell, Darwen Moor and Winter Hill all at the same time and the recent flooding in the north of the county). He felt it was important to mention that there had not been any known inter-service transmission of covid-19 which was due to the procedures and ways of working that were in place.

The Service had looked at how it had supported the people of Lancashire through the provision of significant support to the Lancashire Resilience Forum (for example, through the establishment of temporary field hospitals, undertaking processes for potential body recovery, face fit testing for the NHS and distribution of PPE including to care homes etc). The Chief Fire Officer was confident that the inspection would confirm that all staff had continued to maintain an effective service delivery and had really contributed to keeping Lancashire communities safe.

The Chief Fire Officer advised that the inspection would take place virtually over the last 2 weeks in September and over the first week in October using data and with interviews with certain staff including the Chairman and himself.

In response to a question raised by Councillor Williams, the Director of Corporate Services confirmed that details of the covid-19 pandemic funding received from government which included a considerable spend on PPE would be reported to the Resources Committee at the end of the month.

RESOLVED: - That the report be noted.

85/19 ANNUAL SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT REPORT

The report was presented by the Director of People and Development. The Authority considered the Annual Safety, Health and Environment Report for Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service covering the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020.

As the body with ultimate responsibility for staff health, safety and environmental compliance it was important that all CFA Members were aware of performance in this respect. The report therefore provided a summary of key actions, overall progress and outturn performance in respect of accidents and near misses and carbon emissions, together with a look forward.

The report summarised the arrangements in place to deliver the Service's Safety, Health and Environment Policy and provided a summary of safety, health and environment performance data. It included the reporting on occupational safety, health and environmental issues that had arisen during the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020.

The Director of People and Development was pleased to report that the Service had again seen a very positive year in terms of overall safety, health and environment performance.

External Audit

Since initial certification in November 2011 annual surveillance visits had been conducted with re certification every 3 years to maintain external certification of the Health and Safety and Environment Management Systems. In February 2020 the auditors from British Assessment Bureau carried out audits against international standards for health and safety ISO 45001:2018 and environment ISO 14001:2015. The scope for both standards was 'The Provision of Fire, Rescue and Supporting Services across Lancashire'. This included all operational activity with visits to five fire stations that operated different duty systems and to a number of supporting departments. Continued certification was granted without any non-conformance or opportunities for improvement identified.

Improvement Actions during 2019/20

The report included examples of improvements carried out during 2019/20:

- Reviewed the organisational arrangements for health and safety and environment to meet the revised meeting structures within LFRS.
- Continued to embed improvements in fitness and the mandatory fitness testing for operational staff.
- Carried out Workplace Wellbeing Toolbox Talks and wellbeing promotions at our fire stations, service headquarters and service training centre to continue to embed and support staff health and wellbeing.
- Introduced our Leadership Framework into LFRS.
- Continued to provide improved PPE for attending operational incidents.
- Continued to implement National Operational Guidance into service.
- In partnership with UCLAN and FBU developing best practice to mitigate the potential risks of contaminants on dirty fire PPE.
- Made improvements and refurbished the fire house training building at Service

Training Centre (STC) used to deliver breathing apparatus training to operational crews.

- Extended our Employee Assistance Programme contract for a further two years.
- Continued to develop and integrate the Wildfire Burn Team and their skills into Wildfire Operational Incidents.
- Carried out a self-assessment against the Blue Light Wellbeing Framework promoted by the National Fire Chiefs Council.
- Introduced the Operational Briefing Note to ensure learning from incidents is communicated effectively.

Health and Safety Performance

During 2019/20 there were 88 accidents (73 to LFRS staff and 15 non-LFRS staff), 113 near misses (91 near misses and 22 near miss attacks on staff) and 9 RIDDOR events (1 major injury of a broken bone and 8 resulting from absence over 7 days). The report provided details of the total accident and ill-health statistics for 2019/20.

Health and Wellbeing

The management of sickness absence for 2019/20 showed that musculoskeletal and mental health related conditions accounted for 28% of all sickness absence. In total there were 1165 sickness absence cases resulting in 11,331 working days lost within the service, 327 musculoskeletal related absences gave rise to 3,136 working days lost and 61 mental health related absence resulted in 2081 working days lost and 15 cases relating to cancer relating to 1062 working days lost. In order to improve performance from musculoskeletal and mental health related absence, health and safety toolbox talks were to be delivered to all staff during the coming year. The toolbox talks would engage staff to increase understanding of the links between maintaining physical fitness for role, reducing the risks of musculoskeletal injuries and encouraging good mental health.

During 2019/20 there had been an increased focus on employee health and wellbeing through the development of a more holistic approach. The Health and Wellbeing Framework aimed to improve the health and wellbeing of the workforce ensuring all who worked for Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service were engaged, motivated, healthy and resilient and well. The report also detailed the activities that had been achieved during 2019/20.

Environmental Performance

The Carbon Management Plan agreed by the Resources Committee in March 2009 and reviewed in April 2013 included a visionary target of 40% carbon emission reduction by March 2020. The Service had achieved an overall reduction of 23% by March 2020 which equated to 1005 tonnes of CO₂; this delivered savings in the region to date of £679k. the original plan included the closure of Service Headquarters and a move to new premises which had not happened. Work would continue to improve environmental performance.

A look ahead to 2020/21

The report also detailed key safety, health and environmental priorities for 2020/21:

- Rationalise and refresh the existing risk assessments, standard operating procedures/service orders and training requirements following the introduction and publication of National Guidance for Fire and Rescue Services together with

legislative changes.

- Reduce the number of accidents and related sickness absence whilst increasing the number of near miss events reported.
- Maintain LFRS certification to ISO 45001:2018 and ISO14001:2015 standards and continually improve the Health and Safety Management Systems and Environmental Management Systems.
- Embed Safety, Health and Environment through continued training and interaction with staff to enable proportionate and informed workplace safety, health and environmental decisions to be made.
- Continue to engage our Environmental Champions to assist in reducing carbon emissions from energy and fuel use through a refreshed Carbon Management Plan and reduce waste collected and increase the percentage of waste being recycled.
- Continue to deliver a program of health and wellbeing support to engage staff in maintaining fitness, reducing injury and absence, informing staff about the support available to maintain health and wellbeing whilst promoting ways to enhance personal resilience.
- Develop a Management of Occupational Road Risk policy.
- Embed our Leadership framework.
- Review Climate Change impacts.

In response to a question raised by County Councillor Hennessy the Director of People and Development confirmed that the Member with responsibility for the environment including climate change was the Health and Wellbeing Champion. In addition, the Chairman confirmed that any Member could attend any Committee of the Authority as an observer.

RESOLVED: - That the Authority noted and endorsed the report and associated safety, health and environment performance outcomes.

86/19 POLICY FOR DEALING WITH HABITUAL AND VEXATIOUS COMPLAINTS

The Clerk to the Authority presented the report. At its meeting held 20 June 2016 the Authority adopted a formal Policy on Dealing with Habitual and Vexatious Complaints (resolution 13/16 refers) which was fair and proportionate, yet which did not prevent genuine complaints from being properly investigated and fair and equitable outcomes promulgated.

On an annual basis the Clerk and Chief Fire Officer reviewed the status of complainants judged to be unreasonably persistent or vexatious and reported this to the Authority. In addition, each year the Clerk reviewed the Policy, as now presented. This year's review concluded that the effectiveness of the Policy was demonstrable, accordingly the Policy remained appropriate, proportionate and effective to the needs of Members, Officers and staff.

During the previous 12 months there had been 1 complainant who was judged to be unreasonably persistent or vexatious. The individual had given cause for concern within the last 12 months as a result of action taken on their part which unequivocally demonstrated that they were a vexatious and habitual complainant and they would be informed in writing of this status in open correspondence from the Clerk.

County Councillors Shedwick and Holgate thanked the Clerk for his advice regarding when it was appropriate to respond to a complainant.

RESOLVED: - That the report be noted and endorsed.

87/19 FIRE PROTECTION REPORTS

The Assistant Chief Fire Officer presented a report detailing prosecutions in respect of fire safety management failures and arson related incidents. There were 2 successfully completed prosecutions under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 and 7 incidents where investigations were ongoing and case files being prepared.

Fire protection and business support information considered by Members included: i) fire safety information system and inspection programme, ii) business safety and website; iii) implementing regulatory change and transforming fire protection services; iv) building risk review of all high rise buildings in Lancashire; and v) recruitment of fire protection staff.

In addition Members noted that there were 10 arson convictions reported.

In response to a question raised by County Councillor Shedwick regarding the building risk review (as detailed on page 103) the Assistant Chief Fire Officer advised that the national target to respond to immediate concerns from high-rise residential buildings had been set for December 2021 and the Service aimed to have all the audits undertaken by March 2021. He confirmed that the Service had already carried out an assessment of risk and had started to inspect those that were most significant. The Service had increased its pre-determined attendance to 6 premises where there were significant concerns and work remained ongoing to visit all 73 premises by March 2021.

CC Hennessy praised the team on their work, referring to the quote by His Honour Judge Medland (as detailed on page 101) that "Fire Safety Teams in the local areas should be commended for not only compiling an exemplary prosecution case file but also the help, support and professionalism shown".

In response to a question raised by Councillor Williams regarding the Service returning to a business to report on any improvements so the business could reopen, the Assistant Chief Fire officer advised that it depended on hazards in the building. The shortfalls in the fire risk assessment at the Cornhill Hotel were significant. They didn't have a suitable means to raise a fire alarm to residents and holidaymakers would be unfamiliar with the surroundings. In this type of case the Service used the full weight of the legislation and could prohibit the use of part, or as in this case, all of the building. Nationally the legislation was used frequently and appropriately and in this case the Judge was in full of praise for the support provided to the Hotel by the Service.

County Councillor Beavers stated that it was 3 years since the Grenfell Tower Fire. She asked that of the 2,000 high-rise buildings covered with dangerous cladding how many were in Lancashire and what was the Service doing to help remedy the situation. The Chief Fire Officer advised that this was a really significant issue for the Service,

not just in terms of high-rise or cladding but the nature and scope would only get broader. The Service inspected all high rise buildings for aluminium composite material (ACM) type cladding initially however, more cladding types and their methods of construction had come into play over time which had created the new requirement for the Service to go back out and look again at these buildings. At the time of the initial inspection there were no domestic high-rise buildings with ACM type cladding but when you started to look at other cladding forms and at wooden balconies and constructions in very modern premises that had caught fire around the country, this was going to be a significant issue for all fire and rescue services which was why the Service was bringing forward a significant change programme.

The Chief Fire Officer confirmed that there were some domestic high rise buildings classified in special measures ie: that needed a waking watch and additional procedures in place before a remedy was put in place by the building owners. This was tied up in the same myriad of issues that were occurring nationally including: who were the responsible persons that were needed to do the work, how long would remediation take and what was safe remediation. In addition, the more the range of issues coming out of Grenfell was considered the more premises types were identified, particularly as thinking moved away from only considering high rise buildings.

The Chief Fire Officer confirmed that there were premises in Lancashire that had ACM cladding but they were not high rise domestic buildings. The size and scale of this would fundamentally change the entire response to the built environment and the fire sector would have a significant role to play. The legislation was just going through parliament and the National Fire Chiefs Council had been consulted and had input into that. There was a danger that if the consultation was not done carefully and respond to correctly the sector could find it had a much bigger remit without the appropriate resources to respond. The size and scale of this was fundamental change for the sector and this was the start of that journey.

The Chief Fire Officer wanted to be in a position to reassure Members that the building stock in Lancashire was safe in accordance to building regulations but there was a lot more work to be done over the coming months and years when considering the scale.

The Assistant Chief Fire Officer added that in Lancashire, ACM was not a primary concern, it was high pressure laminates, checking the suitability of doors ie: that they were fire doors and in relation to compartmentation. Retrospectively changing gas installations and electrical intakes to buildings was another area that created significant concern. He advised that building fires not behaving as expected was far wider than Grenfell ie: the Cube incident in Manchester and other timber cladded or framed buildings across the country. He reassured Members that the Service was fully considering the built environment, the implications of the last 2 decades of regulatory reform, the way the built environment had developed and the potential lack compliance with fire safety. This was a huge piece of work the detail of which would be presented to Members at a future meeting or Strategy Day. Plans had been developed for the next 3 years to create system change in the way the Service operated to ensure public safety was as robust as it could be.

The Chief Fire Officer confirmed that this issue was not that the Service had not done what needed to be done over the last 20 years; it was about looking at who was responsible for what, across the range of building partners for building construction and that was what would change through new legislation with a new role for the fire sector foreseen as more significant than in the past.

RESOLVED: - That the Authority noted and endorsed the report.

88/19 COMMUNITY FIRE SAFETY REPORTS

The Assistant Chief Fire Officer presented the report. He highlighted that whilst there had been challenging times during the pandemic, the Service had still attended urgent requests for safe and well home fire safety checks. In addition, the report demonstrated that the Service had supported local authority partners by undertaking in the region of 3,500 household visits to vulnerable people, many of whom were shielding. It was noted that the Service had adapted to the new working environment using digital means to remain engaged for example, with young people who had a fascination with fire and to carry out some restorative justice. In addition, supported by the local authority the Service had seen hugely successful community prevention work around wildfire prevention.

This report included information for the 2 Unitary and 12 District Authorities relating to Fire Safety Initiatives and Fires and Incidents of particular interest.

Members asked that the incidents in the report be reflective of the geographical area the incident occurred and not which fire appliance attended.

In relation to the Wyre district report (on page 127), CC Kay thanked officers that worked with Sendsafe. She felt it was important to visit vulnerable children, young people and adults to provide fire safety education. Councillor Williams agreed with CC Kay on the importance of the work with children and young people and he felt the number of visits had been outstanding.

As Member Champion for Community Safety, Councillor Williams asked that recognition also be given to the prevention safety team who continued to deliver training for vulnerable people. He advised that 47 adults and 5 children were referred to agency partners in the first quarter 2020 which was a significant amount and safeguarding referrals from 2019 – March 2020 had risen by 81% which showed how effective the training was. Councillor Williams felt it was an important area of activity where encouraging and rewarding results were achieved.

RESOLVED: - That the Authority noted and endorsed the report.

89/19 MEMBER COMPLAINTS

The Monitoring Officer confirmed that there had been no complaints or information from any of the constituent authorities since the last meeting.

RESOLVED: - That the current position be noted.

90/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Authority would be held on Monday 14 December 2020 - venue to be confirmed.

91/19 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: - That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that there would be a likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, indicated under the heading to the item.

92/19 RE-APPOINTMENT OF CLERK AND MONITORING OFFICER

(Paragraphs 1 and 2)

It was confirmed that the Clerk to the Authority had withdrawn from the meeting for this item.

RESOLVED:- That the Authority approved the re-appointment of Mr Mark Nolan as Clerk and Monitoring Officer to the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority for a period of twelve months, to the September meeting of the Authority in 2021.

M NOLAN
Clerk to CFA

LFRS HQ
Fulwood