

## **LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY**

Meeting to be held on 19 December 2016

### **NOTES OF STRATEGY GROUP HELD ON MONDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2016**

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#### **Executive Summary**

Report on proceedings of Lancashire Combined Fire Authority Strategy Group held at the Service Training Centre, Euxton on Monday, 19 September 2016.

#### **Recommendation**

That the Authority note the proceedings as set out in this report.

#### **Information**

In Attendance: -

F De Molfetta, A Barnes, K Brown, T Burns, C Crompton, M Green, F Jackson, M Khan, A Matthews, M Parkinson, N Penney, M Perks, J Shedwick, R Shewan, D Smith, D Stansfield, V Taylor and T Williams.

#### 1 LFRS DRONE

Group Manager, Tim Murrell presented Members with an update of the LFRS Air Support Unit (drone) which was available for mobilisations to incidents.

A short demonstration of the drone capability was provided to Members. The drone could be used to help identify: hazards, the overall extent of the incident, any casualties / people at risk or in need of rescue; direction and speed of fire spread; damage assessment; assess and egress to the incident ground; evacuation zones; cordons; environmental impacts and likely incident causes.

In response to a question regarding air restrictions from Councillor Smith, GM Murrell confirmed that the Service could fly over a cordoned area which had been set up for safety reasons.

#### 2 DRAFT IRMP

The Deputy Chief Fire Officer presented Members with an overview of the contents for the Integrated Risk Management Plan 2017-2022.

Integrated Risk Management Planning (IRMP) was the way that all Fire and Rescue Services identified and managed risks. Maintaining a clear and current understanding of the risks that affect Lancashire's communities underpinned everything the Service did; driving its governance and planning arrangements.

A comprehensive strategic assessment of risk had been undertaken and a copy of the Assessment was made available to Members. By understanding the nature of the risks within Lancashire and how members of the communities served may be harmed by them, the Service was better placed to ensure that suitable measures for mitigation were in place.

The IRMP was a flexible 5-year framework document that connected to broader Service plans thereby avoiding duplication. The draft IRMP would be formally presented to the next Planning Committee meeting in November 2016.

### 3 FINANCIAL UPDATE

The Director of Corporate Services reiterated the details of the draft 4-year funding settlement which showed a potential reduction of £5.5m over the period. He advised that the Government was currently consulting both on the level of business rates and it was also seeking views on a range of technical issues concerning the 2017 to 2018 local government finance settlement. The pressures on future budgets were discussed by Members alongside the need to make further efficiency savings to address the potential gaps in funding.

### 4 RETAINED DUTY SYSTEM UPDATE

The current level of Retained Duty System availability was one of the best nationally however, performance had fallen in the last two financial years and the Service was reviewing the reasons for this. As part of the budget setting process this year the Authority approved a provision of £0.6m into the current, and future budgets for RDS improvements.

The Director of Corporate Services provided Members with the background and future proposals for the Retained Duty System salary scheme.

The Assistant Chief Fire Officer provided members with an overview of how the Service was strengthening and improving its Retained Duty System to deliver continuous and sustainable improvement including details of the 6 task and finish groups and their reporting arrangements.

### 5 PARTNERSHIP WORKING

The Assistant Chief Fire Officer provided Members with the background to and an update on how the Service was working in partnership to develop a safe and well visit to replace its current Home Fire Safety Check service.

### 6 BEYOND BLUE LIGHTS

The Deputy Chief Fire Officer advised that at the last Performance Committee Members had viewed a video which promoted the collaborative work the Service was doing. The video had been produced for the Chief Fire Officers Association annual conference which was attended by Brandon Lewis MP, the Minister of State for Policing and the Fire Service and other key government figures from the Home Office. At the request of the Committee the video was shown to all Members.

7 RISK MANAGEMENT TRAINING

The Director of Corporate Services agreed to provide Members with an electronic version of the Risk Management Training.

**Business Risk**

None

**Environmental Impact**

None

**Equality and Diversity Implications**

None

**HR Implications**

None

**Financial Implications**

None

**Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985  
List of Background Papers**

Paper	Date	Contact
N/A		
Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate:		

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