

## **LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Meeting to be held on 16 November 2020

### **BLUE LIGHT COLLABORATION**

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#### **Executive Summary**

This paper provides an overview of progress to date on Blue Light Collaboration.

#### **Recommendation**

Planning Committee is asked to note and endorse the contents of the paper in relation to Blue Light Collaboration.

#### **Information**

The quarterly Blue Light Collaboration (BLC) meetings have largely been placed on hold due to the ongoing support provided by the blue light agencies to Lancashire Resilience Forum (LRF) in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, and the increased internal pressures being felt by the three blue light organisations in adapting and responding to the ever changing and demanding operational landscape.

This has moved Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS) and partners into an amended working relationship where areas which were not previously highlighted through the BLC have continued to gather pace, evolve and be delivered to support the multi-agency response to Covid-19.

Many areas of delivery that have been supported (or would be supported if requested) are closely linked with the tripartite agreement (NFCC, Employers and FBU) which is constantly evolving. To date, LFRS has been involved in the preparations for, or delivery of, the following:

- Face fitting for masks to be used by frontline NHS and clinical care staff working with C-19 patients;
- Mass casualty transportation (movement of bodies in support of Coroner functions);
- Vulnerable person contacts and visits (delivery of essential items);
- Delivery of PPE and other medical supplies to NHS and care facilities;
- Lead agency for collating all PPE requirements through the Joint Intelligence and Planning Group.

In terms of our support to the LRF, an LFRS officer chairs the Response and Containment Group (A/DCFO Ben Norman) and we have had a number of officers embedded within the various LRF sub-groups, delivering leadership and co-ordination to these teams. At present we have an Emergency Planning Watch Manager and Station Manger supporting the county wide response.

All activity is being collated within the collaboration log which will provide an overview of outcomes delivered and benefits realised, and will form a definitive evidence base for any future HMICFRS inspections. The evidence also informs some aspects of a collaboration review report being delivered by Shared Architect Services, through which it is expected that further beneficial collaboration opportunities can be identified and explored.

In conjunction with partners, the joint collaboration officer post is being reviewed, with steps being made towards reinstating the post to support future collaboration work. The intention remains that BLC meetings will be restarted when capacity across the blue light partners permits, however on a day-to-day basis, dialogue and consistent collaborative working remains ongoing across numerous areas of work.

**Business Risk**

None identified

**Environmental Impact**

None identified

**Equality & Diversity Implications**

None identified

**HR Implications**

None identified

**Financial Implications**

None identified

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

Paper	Date	Contact
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