

LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Meeting to be held on 15 November 2021

BLUE LIGHT COLLABORATION

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Table 1 Executive Summary and Recommendations

Executive Summary

This report provides an update regarding the progress made with collaboration related items and the next steps that are being considered.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to note and endorse the update.

Information

In terms of the Blue Light Collaboration Board, the formal meetings were put on hold during the pandemic, enabling resources to be directed into priority areas supporting the NHS. As previously reported, there was an incredible amount of work between the 3 Blue Light Services delivered during this period. Collaborative efforts included:

- LFRS delivering face fitting of masks to assist North West Ambulance Service and the NHS.
- LFRS assisting in the establishment of a temporary mortuary.
- LFRS developing a policy and training for movement of bodies.
- LFRS coordinating logistics for vast quantities of PPE to be used in healthcare settings.
- LFRS working with partners to support the operation of mass vaccination sites and then gaining the capability for injecting vaccines.

As services moved from the emergency phase of the pandemic into recovery, there has been an opportunity to reconvene the Blue Light Collaboration Board meetings. There have been two meetings held recently, the first of which was primarily utilised to reflect upon the evaluation report that provided a review of the deliverables and benefits realised from collaboration work prior to the pandemic. This review and associated report were carried out by Shared Service Architecture consultants who are recognised by both the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) and National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) as sector leads. The second meeting was to start considering what items could be included in the next iteration of the work plan.

There is a further meeting planned towards the end of November, to evaluate the ideas that have been put forward for the refreshed work plan. Furthermore, a communications item is being developed for each of the services to use to brief respective management teams internally. Following that, a presentation will be delivered to the executive level sponsors in a meeting scheduled for January 2022, where it is proposed the new workplan will be signed off and progressed.

Business Risk

Reputational risk if there is limited evidence regarding the duty to collaborate as a result of the Policing and Crime Act 2017

Environmental Impact

None identified at present

Equality and Diversity Implications

None identified

HR Implications

None identified

Financial Implications

None identified

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

Table 2 Details of any background papers

Paper:	none
Date:	
Contact:	
Reason for inclusion in Part 2 if appropriate:	