

Lancashire Combined Fire Authority Planning Committee

Meeting to be held on 21 November 2022

Blue Light Collaboration Update

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Executive Summary

Members are provided with an update relating to the Blue Light Collaboration Board progress.

Recommendation(s)

The Planning Committee is asked to note the report.

Information

The Blue Light Collaboration Board met on 30 September 2022 where a presentation on the initial five projects was delivered to the strategic leads. This presentation incorporated the Project Initiation Documents (PID) and Highlight Reports for each project. Progress for the planning of each project is as follows:

Estates and Co-location

This project aims to understand the partnership footprint in terms of what is on offer; space, capacity, what would be required as a minimum, with consideration to Health & Safety and legal requirement and terms & conditions and regulations.

This project will be considering the following opportunities:

- Headquarters regeneration;
- Review of the Lancashire Constabulary (LanCon) Estate arising from Target Operating Model and Estates Roadmap;
- The environmental shift in fleet to electric vehicles and the Sustainability and Environmental Strategy.

The project is currently in scoping phase and the PID is in production.

Leadership Development

This project aims to map out the current offer by all partners and understand what is already underway and planned, develop a joint Memorandum of Understanding and hold a roundtable discussion between partners and explore mechanisms in relation to how this can practically work (cost, booking on staff, which systems are used, evaluation, familiarisation with terminology).

This project will be considering the following opportunities:

- the 'Outside In' programme;
- the 'Leading the Way' course days 1,2 and 3;
- recruitment and selection training;
- continuous professional development days with quality speakers and the Durham University leadership programme.

It may also consider learning from other organisations such as away days for new recruits.

Command Units

The aim of this project is to establish and deliver additional collaborative uses of the command units in Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS) in line with Joint Emergency Service Interoperability Programme principles. The key objectives are to improve operational effectiveness and in line with LFRS' mission; 'Making Lancashire Safer'.

Missing Persons (MisPer)

This project aims to improve the existing collaborative approach to identification of the location of missing persons. The existing offer has been evaluated and learning and improvement have been made. The existing training for the 'Missing from Home Manager Training' for LanCon staff will continue to be supported by LFRS in terms of assets available.

Initially, two personnel across the Urban Search and Rescue Team and the Drone team to undertake the Missing From Home manager course. Additional crews in LFRS have been identified as specialist teams and will receive a bespoke training programme which is currently being mapped out. These teams will develop an increased knowledge of managing a missing person within the context of potential crime scene management. All LFRS assets will remain available regardless of the additional skills imparted to the specialist teams.

First Responder Scheme

The final project is between LFRS and North West Ambulance Service (NWAS). The aim of the project is to train a small initial team of five Community Safety staff to participate in NWAS First Responder Scheme. They will respond from the workplace to a restricted call set that revolves primarily around defibrillator use and cardiac arrest. Once proof of concept is ascertained, the plan is for the scheme to be broadened.

The next meeting of The Strategic group will be 13 February 2023.

Financial Implications

Some projects may need financial support but this will have to be negotiated as part of the planning process between the participating organisations.

Sustainability or Environmental Impact

N/A

Equality and Diversity Implications

An Equality Impact Assessment will be completed for each project listed

Human Resource Implications

N/A

Business Risk Implications

Collaboration with Lancashire Constabulary is a statutory duty and forms part of the His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Service (HMICFRS) Inspection framework. Therefore, a successful partnership will continue to be important in terms of mitigating risk to LFRS.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of background papers

Paper:

Date:

Contact:

Reason for inclusion in Part 2 if appropriate: N/A