

At a **meeting** of the **Combined Fire Authority for County Durham and Darlington** held at Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Belmont Business Park on, on **Thursday 21 December 2017** at 10.00 am.

Present:

Durham County Councillors:

Councillors A Batey, P Brookes, C Carr, P Howell, A Laing, H Nicholson, G Richardson, J Robinson, J Shuttleworth, F Tinsley and J Turnbull.

Darlington Borough Councillors:

Councillors G Lee and S Richmond.

Independent Standards Members:

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Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Avery, D Bell, A Gardner, K Hawley, L Marshall, M McGaun, C Potts, D Stoker, B Dixon and B Jones.

A1 Chief Fire Officers Commendation

The Chief Fire Officer presented 3 members of fire service personnel and one member of the general public with commendations for their swift decisive actions, exemplary team work and high level of professionalism at a medical incident on 3 October 2017.

A2 Certificate of Recognition Presentation

The Chief Fire Officer presented Watch Manager Brad Malpass with a certificate of appreciation for his work relating to a fire investigation.

A3 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

A4 Minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2017 were confirmed as a correct record (for copy see file of minutes).

A5 Current Correspondence

The Authority received an update from the Deputy Chief Fire Officer in relation to current correspondence received from government and other bodies relevant to the Authority and the status of each (for copy see file of minutes).

A6 Notes of the Policy and Performance Review Committee

The Authority considered a report of the Chair of the Policy and Performance Review Committee, which provided an update on the discussions made at the meeting held on 8 December 2017 (for copy see file of minutes).

Members of the Committee asked for the Deliberate Fires Update presentation be presented to the next Fire Authority Meeting.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

A7 School Safety Carousel

The Authority considered a report of the Member Champion for Community Safety which provided members with an overview of the school safety carousel (for copy see file of minutes).

Cllr Howell noted the professionalism of the presenters and the exceptional engagement of the children at the events.

Members queried work undertaken with other school age groups. K Wanley confirmed that all age groups are targeted via differing methods. Hot spot areas were discussed with cross boarder working.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

A8 Performance Report Quarter Two 2017/18

The Authority considered a report of the Area Manager: Assurance and Assets which presented a summary of organisational performance at the end of quarter two 2016/17 (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

A9 Fire and Rescue Incident Statistics: England, April 2016 to March 2017

The Authority considered a report of the Area Manager: Assurance and Assets which provided members with a comparative analysis of key operational performance indicators within County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service (CDDFRS) against national performance data contained within two national reports that are published annually by the Home Office (for copy see file of minutes).

Members queried the criteria for recording data. The Deputy Chief Fire Officer confirmed that the service reports data robustly and it was checked before being submitted.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

A10 Home Office Consultation: Enabling Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) to sit and vote on Combined Fire and Rescue Authorities

The Authority considered a report of the Chief Fire Officer which made members aware of the government consultation entitled 'enabling Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) to sit and vote on Combined Fire and Rescue Authorities' and to seek approval for the draft consultation response (for copy see file of minutes).

The Chief Fire officer noted that through the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) comments made by other Combined Fire and Rescue Authorities would be recorded.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of the report were noted;
- (ii) The draft consultation was considered;
- (iii) Delegation was given to the Chief Fire Officer, following discussion with the Chair and Vice Chair, to amend and submit the final consultation response.

A11 National Joint Council Pay Negotiations Update

The Authority considered a report of the Deputy Chief Fire Officer which provided members with an update on the National Joint Council (NJC) national pay negotiations (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of the report were noted;
- (ii) That further future reports on the outcomes of national negotiations on pay be received.

A12 AOB

There was no other business.

A13 Exclusion of the public

That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the said Act.

CLOSE OF MEETING