



Minutes

Full Authority

Date: 13 December 2019

Time: 10.30 am

Venue: Fire and Rescue Headquarters, Birkenshaw

Present: Councillor D O'Donovan (in the Chair), M Akhtar, G Almas, C Anderson, R Grahame, P Harrand, R Hunt, D Jenkins, N Mohammed, M Pollard, F Shaheen, A Tait, S Tulley (agenda items 17 – 20 only Min nos. 62 – 64 refer) and A Wenham

In Attendance: None

Apologies: Councillors T Austin, S Benton, R Downes, J Fenton-Glynn, D Hall, M Pervaiz, K Renshaw and J Sunderland

45 Chair's announcements

Awards

The Chair advised that, since the date of the last meeting, West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service had been the recipient or nominee for a variety of regional and national awards for which Members extended their appreciation including;

- Yorkshire Chartered Institute of Public Relations – two gold and two silver awards
- Excellence in Fire and Emergency Awards – Collaboration of the Year (emollient campaign)
- Inclusive Companies Award, and
- Asian Fire Service Association Award – nominations and recognition for work and for individual officers

Member briefing

Members were advised that the meeting would be followed by a private briefing on the following;

- Grenfell Tower enquiry

- Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) report

46 Admission of the public

There were no items which required the exclusion of the public and press.

47 Urgent items

None.

48 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest made in any matter under consideration at the meeting.

49 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2019 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

50 Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting.

51 Minutes of the Executive Committee

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Executive Committee at a meeting held on 20 September 2019 be received.

52 Minutes of the Human Resources Committee

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Human Resources Committee at a meeting held on 4 October 2019 be received.

53 Minutes of the Finance and Resources Committee

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Finance and Resources Committee at a meeting held on 11 October 2019 be received.

54 Minutes of the Audit Committee

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Audit Committee at a meeting held on 18 October 2019 be received.

55 Minutes of the Community Safety Committee

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Community Safety Committee at a meeting held on 25 October 2019 be received.

56 Minutes of the Tri-Service Collaboration Board

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Tri-Service Collaboration Board at a meeting held on 24 October 2019 be noted.

57 Minutes of the Local Government Association

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Fire Commission and the Fire Services Management Committee at meetings held on 20 September and 11 October 2019 respectively be noted.

58 Programme of meetings 2019 – 20 – amendment

The Chief Legal and Governance Officer submitted a report which advised that, in discussion with the Chair of the Local Pension Board, it was proposed to change the date of the January 2020 meeting to facilitate the attendance of the representative of the Scheme Manager in respect of some specific issues that would be considered at that meeting.

RESOLVED

That the 10 January 2020 date of the Local Pension Board in the programme of meetings 2019 – 20 be amended to 31 January 2020.

59 Performance Management report – 1 April – 30 September 2019

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Legal and Governance Officer which advised of the Authority's performance against key performance indicators for the period 1 April – 30 September 2019.

Members commented on the following issues;

- Use of Care Plan data in Safe and Well visits
- Potential sharing of data with Groundworks with regard to the winter cold assessment made during the Safe and Well visits
- Requirement for domestic premises to have fireproof internal doors to kitchen areas

Additional information was circulated at the meeting which advised Members of the current most up to date figures to better facilitate comparison and timeliness of reporting.

Members were similarly provided at the meeting with a breakdown of the actual rescue figures which reflected rescues recorded as a result of the tri-service collaboration board protocol in Forced Entry – Cause for Concern.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

60 Programme of change 2019 – 20 – update

The Director of Service Support submitted a report which updated Members on the progress in relation to the Programme of Change 2019 – 20. It was reported that three of the projects were either behind schedule or overdue, two had been completed and the remaining 9 were on track for completion.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

61 Integrated Risk Management Plan 2020 – 21 – outcome of consultation

Members considered a joint report of the Director of Service Support which provided an overview of the recent 10-week consultation exercise on the proposals for the Integrated Risk Management Plan 2020 – 21.

It was reported that, consequent upon responses to the consultation, a number of minor amendments would be made to the proposals (detailed at agenda item 18, Min no. 62).

Members referred to the following specific issues;

- Poor attendance at public meetings
- Lessons learned from the consultation to take forward as appropriate

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

62 Integrated Risk Management Plan 2020 – 21 – amended proposals

A report of the Director of Service Support was considered by Members which, consequent upon the results of the public consultation (Min no. 61 refers) to make minor amendments to the Plan, sought approval for six proposals for inclusion in the Integrated Risk Management Plan 2020 – 21 (IRMP) related to the following four business cases;

- Review and modification to the Day Crew (Close Call) Duty System
- Reduction of aerial appliances from 5 to 4
- Reduction of the resilience fleet from 11 to 5 fire engines
- Review of the Fire Protection Team to identify opportunities to increase capacity

As opposed to the delivery of large financial savings, it was reported that the main focus of the IRMP 2020 - 21 was the delivery of a more effective service proportionate to risk with the aim of realising the Authority's ambition to "Make West Yorkshire safer". Members were further advised that, set against the backdrop of uncertainties related to future funding of the Service, the implementation of the proposals would require an additional commitment to revenue resources of £443k in 2020 -21 and of £607k in 2021 – 22. It was further reported that both the Local Government Association and the National Fire Chiefs' Council would be making representations with regard to the future funding of the service.

RESOLVED

That approval be given to;

- a) the implementation of a Day Crewing duty system at Castleford, Normanton and South Kirkby,
- b) the implementation of command, leadership and management (CLM) at all Day Crewing stations starting in January 2020,
- c) the reduction of the aerial establishment from 5 to 4
- d) the reduction of the resilience fleet from 11 to 5
- e) the restructure and increase of establishment in the Fire Protection Team; and
- f) an operational establishment of 900 personnel as detailed at Annex 1 to the report now submitted.

63 Grenfell Tower inquiry: Phase 1 report

Members received a report of the Director of Service Support which advised of the actions taken by West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service following the release of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry: Phase 1 report.

RESOLVED

- a) That the report be noted; and
- b) That the creation of a Grenfell Programme be approved.

64 Bonfire Review 2019

The Deputy Chief Fire Officer and Director of Service Delivery submitted a report which informed Members of the events leading up to and throughout the four-day 2019 bonfire period.

Members were advised that the interventions made in conjunction with community partners and agencies had been successful both in reducing attacks on firefighters and in reducing the number of mobilisations throughout the period.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

Chair