



Minutes

Community Safety Committee

Date: 30 October 2020

Time: 10:30

Venue: Microsoft Teams

Present: Councillors G Almas (in the chair), M Akhtar, R Grahame (as sub for Cllr Austin), P Harrand, R Hunt, D Jenkins, D Kirton, M Pollard, K Renshaw, A Wenham (as sub for Cllr Tait)

In Attendance: None

Apologies: Councillors Austin, Pervaiz and Tait

10 Minutes of the last meeting held on 24 July 2020

That the minutes of the last meeting held on 24 July 2020 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

11 Matters arising

None

12 Urgent items

None

13 Admission of the public

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

14 Declarations of interest

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

15 Quality of Service Surveys 2019-20

The Corporate Services Manager presented a report informing members of the feedback received following the 2019/20 surveys:

- Quality of Service Survey – 98% of respondents expressing satisfaction
- Safe and Well Visit Survey - 98% of respondents expressing satisfaction
- School Fire Safety Visit Survey – 96% of respondents expressing satisfaction

Members raised the following specific issues:

- Concern regarding the effect of COVID19 reducing the number of Safe and Well visits able to be carried out
- Safe and Well partner referrals
- Housekeeping and hoarding advice
- Cooking Safely advice
- Initial contact data
- Further breakdown of the After the Incident survey benchmarking results
- Impact of move into COVID19 Tier 3
- Selection of schools visited
- Targeting mental health issues due to COVID19

Chair offered thanks for a really pleasing report and commented on the high number responses received. Members also offered congratulations for the number of Safe and Well visits that were carried out despite the COVID19 restrictions.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

16 District Priorities – six monthly update

The Director of Service Delivery presented a report providing an update on the progress of the District Action Plans for 2019/20. Details of the progress with the actions and objectives set out in the plans for 2020/21 was also provided. Members raised the following specific issues:

- Operational availability in Bradford, specifically Wharfedale
- Maintenance of Competence and operational training during COVID19
- Mytholmroyd Fire Station recovery from previous flooding
- Bonfire period and incidents of anti-social behaviour during COVID19
- Work with other agencies and differing risks across the county

Members offered thanks for the collaborative working with other agencies across all districts.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

17 Youth Interventions Team Annual Update

The Director of Service Delivery presented a report providing details of the progress of the Youth Interventions Team for the academic year 2019/20. The COVID19 pandemic has had a massive impact on both the Youth Intervention Trainers and the young people they work with. The team had to suspend some of their work but it is noted that they were one of only two fire and rescue services in the UK to deliver the Prince's Trust programme digitally. Resilience is a key element to all their programmes and the team's response to the challenges of the last 6 months is testament to their dynamic culture and passion for working with young people. The team is confident that it will make a full recovery from the challenges that the pandemic has presented and look forward to continuing to be a catalyst for change in the lives of young people.

Members raised the following specific issues:

- High risk cases and impact of COVID19
- Fire setters programme, work with individuals and families and measures put in place
- Feedback to other agencies
- Referral rates

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

18 Service Delivery "Spotlight on" case studies

The Director of Service Delivery submitted a report which provided examples of the following areas of work which were being undertaken to meet the needs of the communities of West Yorkshire in the delivery of prevention, protection and response activity;

a) SafeTalk

b) Falls Pick Up

c) Youth interventions and Princes Trust Team Delivery

Members raised the following specific issues:

- Delivery of Princes Trust training at Dewsbury and transport etc. to this location
- Key safe details

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

19 Occurrence of Hot Oil Fires

The Director of Service Delivery submitted a report to inform Members of the current trend in dwelling fires resulting from cooking with oil which is showing a slight increase. The team will continue to monitor this closely and if significant trends develop they will tailor their approach accordingly. It is noted that guidance on the safe use of oil when cooking is provided at every safe and well visit.

Members raised the following specific issues:

- Injuries
- Oil sprays, woks, karahis, deep fat and air fryers
- Publicity and raising awareness

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

20 Fire Investigation – Cases of Note

Members were shown a PowerPoint presentation by the Area Manager, Service Delivery giving details of the outcome of recent fire investigation reports.

Members noted and gave thanks for the comprehensive information and good work done by Fire Investigation.

21 Performance against PMI targets 2020-21

Members considered a report of the Director of Service Delivery which advised of performance against the 2020 – 21 performance outcome targets. The report covered the period 1 April 2020 to 30 September 2020.

It was reported that performance was set to meet or exceed target for the following incident types;

- arson (3.52% reduction)
- dwelling fires (on target to achieve the lowest incidence rate since the introduction of the new recording system)
- non-domestic building fires
- fire-related injuries (19% improvement compared to the previous year)
- actual rescues (17% improvement compared to the previous year)
- road traffic collisions (45% improvement compared to the previous year)

Members were advised of the areas that were projected to be within 10% of the set targets;

- arson – secondary fires
- total activity

And Members were advised of the only area that was not on track to meet the set targets;

- prevalence of false alarms – this is due to a change in the fire alarm mobilising policy between April and August meaning that commercial properties were attended as it was expected they would be empty.

It was also noted in the report that 2020-21 will be an anomaly in terms of performance and target setting due to the COVID19 pandemic.

Members raised the following specific issues:

- Concern that COVID19 will skew figures and that account be taken of this to realign data
- Rise in false alarm attendance due to lockdown

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

22 Grenfell Update

The Area Manager, Grenfell Programme presented a report providing a brief overview of the gap analysis undertaken following the release of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry: Phase 1 Report and the progress made against the objectives and action plan of the Grenfell Programme along with the wider impacts of the incident.

Members were provided with assurance that the highest priority Phase 1 recommendations are being actioned where possible. Members were required to note that a number of these are subject to outside influences and that a number of areas of additional spend have been identified, including the purchase of Respiratory Protective Equipment, the replacement of the current BA sets in 2021-22 and the purchase of portable Smoke Curtains. Members were also advised that the procurement process of a NPAS receiver/decoder to be fitted to Command Unit 1 is underway and that a Command Support Solution is being progressed regionally.

Members raised the following specific issues:

- Balconies
- Responsible Persons

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

Chair