



Minutes

Community Safety Committee

Date: 14 July 2023

Time: 10:30

Venue: FSHQ

Present: Cllr G Almas (in the chair), Cllrs Downes, Fazal, Hawkins (as substitute for Cllr Garvani), Kirton, Pollard and Renshaw

In Attendance:

Apologies: Cllrs Garvani, Keith, Sutcliffe and Wood

1 Minutes of the last meeting held on 28 April 2023

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the last meeting held on 28 April 2023 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

2 Matters arising from the minutes.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3 Urgent items

There were no urgent items.

4 Admission of the public

There were no items requiring the exclusion of press and public.

5 Declarations of interest

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

6 Performance Against Response Indicators

The Director of Service Delivery presented a report detailing the performance against the performance outcome targets covering the period 1 April 2023 to 19 June 2023.

This was the first-time members had been presented with the figures live via the Authority's new reporting system – One View. Members were given an introduction to the system and the classification of incidents was clarified.

Members welcomed the report and commented on the following issues:

- Non fire related fatalities and the support available to firefighters who encounter fatalities, particularly in the scenario of effecting entry for ambulance crews.
- Malicious false alarm figures reducing due to the ongoing work done by control challenging callers and other preventative work.
- The referral pathways for vulnerable people.
- The very small percentage of Automated Fire Alarms (AFA) that turn into actual fires.
- The frequency of care home visits
- That despite experiencing the hottest June on record, the figures were positive.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted

7 Wildfire Awareness

Members considered a report of the Director of Service Delivery detailing the ability of the Service to respond to wildfires and the recent new developments in technology in use.

Members were given clarification of the criteria used by The National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) to define a wildfire and were given further information regarding the use of drones.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted

8 Manchester Arena Inquiry Update

The Director of Service Delivery presented a report giving an overview of the Manchester Arena Inquiry (MAI) reports and recommendations. The report included details of the work already undertaken in the past few years in response to the recommendations made and set out the details of the ongoing projects.

Members requested confirmation that all operational staff were trained in the use of The Joint Emergency Service Interoperability Principles (JESIP) and also queried benefits of training Firefighters to drive ambulances and the availability of any funding to facilitate this. Members were advised that several factors have been used by the Local Resilience Forum (LRF) to assess which venues within West Yorkshire are required to have operational response plans, which are used alongside the operational knowledge of venues available on mobile data terminals.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted

9 Spotlight On Case Studies

Members considered a report of the Director of Service Delivery which provided examples and updates on 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) Bradford – High Rise Evacuations
- b) Calderdale – Community Water Awareness
- c) Kirklees – YAS Student Paramedic Placements
- d) Leeds – RNLI Waterside Responder Scheme
- e) Wakefield – Taking Partnerships to the Next Level

It was emphasised that the Spotlight Ons are just examples of initiatives going on across all Districts all the time. Members noted the Spotlight On reports and received them positively. The Chair gave thanks to the District Managers for their hard work within the local communities and thanked them for attending today's meeting. Members also passed on their thanks for the continued excellent collaborative work with partner agencies going on across all districts.

Members discussed in depth the Bradford District Spotlight On regarding the multi-agency high rise exercise, which received excellent feedback from the Home Office. The Calderdale and Leeds District Spotlight Ons regarding Water Safety were welcomed and members thanked the Service for their attendance at local events. Members were advised that WYFRS has a great relationship with all universities within the Authority, not just those involved with the Paramedic Placements in Kirklees, and that the benefits of multi agency referral pathways have already been seen within the Wakefield District.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted

Chair