



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE
FIRE AND RESCUE
AUTHORITY**

Minutes of the BCP Local Performance and Scrutiny Committee held on 25 August 2021, 10.00am at Poole Fire Station, Poole.

Members present:

Cllr Ann Stribley
Cllr Steve Baron
Cllr Malcolm Davies
Cllr Paul Hilliard
Cllr Toby Johnson

Officer attendance:

Director of Community Safety, Assistant Chief Fire Officer (ACFO), Andy Cole
Area Manager (AM), Seth Why
Group Manager (GM), Dave Graham
Democratic Services Support, Steph Howard
Democratic Services Officer, David Shaw
Training Centre Project Manager, Stuart Gillion (open seat)

21/17 Election of Chair

21/17.1 Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Andy Cole opened the meeting. He asked for nominations for the role of Chair. There were two nominations put forward, Cllr Hilliard was nominated by Cllr Johnson and Cllr Stribley was nominated by Cllr Davies. The nomination for Cllr Stribley was seconded by Cllr Baron.

21/17.2 **RESOLVED: Cllr Stribley be elected Chair of the BCP Local Performance and Scrutiny Committee.**

21/18 Welcome

21/18.1 The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed Members.

21/19 Apologies

21/19.1 No apologies were received.

21/20 Code of Conduct, Declarations of Interest and Notifications of Any Other Business

21/20.1 The Chair asked the meeting for any disclosures of pecuniary interests under the Localism Act. There were no disclosures.

21/21 Public questions

21/21.1 There were no members of the public present and no public questions had been received.

21/21.2 **RESOLVED: Members noted there were no public questions.**

21/22 Review and approve minutes of the BCP LPS meeting on 20 May 2021

21/22.1 The Chair asked Members to review and approve the minutes from the last meeting.

21/22.2 **RESOLVED: that the minutes be confirmed without amendment and signed by the Chair as a correct record.**

21/23 Action progress report

21/23.1 Democratic Services Support, Steph Howard explained that there were no outstanding actions.

21/23.2 **RESOLVED: Members noted there were no actions outstanding.**

21/24 Performance monitoring and briefing

21/24.1 Group Manager (GM) Graham took Members through the Performance report for quarter 1 by way of a presentation, please follow this presentation [link](#).

21/24.2 Priority one - making safer and healthier choices

21/24.3 GM Graham reported that increasing partnership referrals was a key task for the Safe & Well Team and that there were several new partnerships being developed within the BCP area. He reported that 385 Safe and Well visits were carried out, a 13.8% decrease on the previous year (447) due to social distancing impacting face to face delivery.

21/24.4 GM Graham provided a summary of the national social media campaigns the Service had supported in the last quarter which included smoking, escape routes, deaf awareness, mental health, dementia awareness, outdoor safety, and home safety. He confirmed the Service had reached an estimated 202,000 people through social media throughout the BCP and Dorset areas.

- 21/24.5 GM Graham reminded Members that the Service was an active member of the Dorset Road Safe Partnership and updated them on the road safety activity. This included the 'Passenger Power' lesson for key stage 4 (sponsored by Arval UK) which was potentially delivered to 3,000 students across the UK. He also reported that the partnership had reinstated the function of the Road Death Overview Panel and re-formed as the Road Injury Prevention Panel.
- 21/24.6 GM Graham reported the work undertaken in the last quarter in relation to road safety. Global Road Safety Week and the National Seatbelt Operation, 'Fatal Four' fell within this quarter, which were supported by social media campaigns. GRSW reached in excess of 2,500 people and the Fatal Four reached more than 16,000 people through Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and Tik Tok.
- 21/24.7 GM Graham also reported on Operation Heathland, Drone Day, hosted by Dorset Police on Canford Heath, which showcased the use of the drone to implement the arson reduction strategy. He reported that in quarter 1 Heath volunteers provided 111 hours (49 patrols) during hot spells. The Service supported both the Dorset Dogs volunteer's heath patrols in order to have a greater presence on the heathlands and open spaces and also the Litter Free Dorset BBQ campaign 'Choose to Remove'.
- 21/24.8 Cllr Stribley asked how the volunteers were shown appreciation and thanked by the Service as their work is vital in helping the Service. ACFO Cole stated that he would investigate this and see how this was or could be implemented.
- 21/24.9 **ACTION: Members to be updated on how the Services' volunteers are or could be thanked and given appreciation for the vital work they carry out.**
- 21/24.10 GM Graham advised Members that during the year to date BCP had received 8 firesetter referrals, with 1 case closed after intervention by firesetter advisors.
- 21/24.11 **Priority 2 - protecting you and the environment from harm**
- 21/24.12 GM Graham provided an update on the impact of the Automatic fire alarms strategy at commercial premises during the last quarter. Across the BCP Group this had delivered cashable savings of £325 for on-call attendance and 12 wholetime hours saved.
- 21/24.13 He also reported that the Service's enforcement plan has been published and was available on the website. The plan was based on the principles of 'Better Regulation' contained in the Regulators Compliance Code and outlined how our enforcement powers were used in an appropriate way. GM Graham reported that there was one Prohibition Notice issued to a Home of Multiple Occupancy in BCP during this quarter.
- 21/24.14 GM Graham reported that the Service continued to liaise with the NFCC Building Safety Team to influence future legislative changes, including changes to Building Regulations and Fire Safety legislation. Fire Safety continued to work with operational colleagues to share building information, and with the

Prevention Team to include the occupants of tall buildings in Safe & Well work. The Service continued to work with Local Authority Housing and Building Control Partners.

- 21/24.15 **Priority 3 - being there when you need us**
- 21/24.16 GM Graham reported that the availability of wholetime appliances remained very strong. On-call appliances were available to respond to incidents 93.5% of the time and wholetime appliances 98.4% of the time.
- 21/24.17 GM Graham highlighted the average response times:
Sleeping risk first pump = 6:40, there were 6/75 incidents which missed the time, none were outside the response time isochrone (69/75 = 92%).
Sleeping risk second pump = 8:43, there were 3/52 incidents which missed the time, none were outside the response time isochrone (49/52 = 94.2%).
Other buildings first pump = 6:24, there were no incidents which missed the time (17/17 = 100%).
Other buildings second pump = 8:25, there were no incidents which missed the time (13/13 = 100%).
RTC first pump = 7:11, there were no incidents which missed the time (25/25 = 100%).
- 21/24.18 GM Graham reported that there was one incident with the potential for a fire death in Bournemouth in June 2021. Her Majesty's Coroner had, to date, confirmed one fire death in 2020-21 for an incident in Poole Park. There were no further incidents with the potential for further fire deaths that were awaiting a Coroner's verdict.
- 21/24.19 GM Graham reported that the Service actively participated in all multi-agency and Local Resilience Forum (LRF) activities in response to the coronavirus pandemic with representation at strategic, tactical and operational levels. He confirmed there were three control of major accident hazards (COMAH) sites within the BCP and Dorset area. All COMAH sites had 'in date' site-specific risk information (SSRI) which was readily available to crews through mobile data terminals, with more detailed plans available to the Flexi Duty Officers within the Resilience Direct system.
- 21/24.20 GM Graham reported that the Service had weekly meetings during the last quarter with Dorset Police where topics discussed included: the latest threat from terrorism, VIP visits, new operational guidance and training opportunities, followed by debriefs of significant incidents for shared understanding. The most significant learning points were raised nationally using the Joint Organisational Learning system.

21/24.21 **Demand summary**

21/24.22 Lastly, GM Graham provided comparable year to date figures in relation to the number of fires the BCP area had attended, a decrease from 311 in 2020-21 to 274 in 2021-22; the number of incidents attended that were false alarms, a decrease from 525 in 2020-21 to 519 in 2021-22; and the number of special service incidents attended, an increase from 192 in 2020-21 to 303 in 2021-22.

21/24.23 The Chair thanked GM Graham for his presentation. GM Graham confirmed that this would be his last meeting as he would be retiring in November, the Chair thanked him for his service on behalf of Members.

21/24.24 **RESOLVED: Members scrutinised and commented upon the performance for quarter 1 2021**

21/25 Matters raised by Members (agreed with the Chair)

21/25.1 There were no matters raised by Members.

21/26 Date of Next meeting

21/26.1 The Chair confirmed the date of the next BCP Local Performance and Scrutiny Committee meeting as 24 November 2021 from 10.00am.

The meeting closed at 11.01

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