



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE  
FIRE AND RESCUE  
AUTHORITY**

**Minutes of the  
Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole  
Local Performance and Scrutiny Committee meeting  
held at 10:00 hours on 6 November 2019 at Poole Fire Station**

Members present: Cllr Ann Stribley (Chair); Cllr Malcolm Davies; Cllr Paul Hilliard

Officer attendance: Director of Community Safety, Assistant Chief Fire Officer (ACFO), Jim Mahoney; Area Manager (AM) – Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole and Dorset, Seth Why; Group Manager (GM) – Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole, Dave Graham; Corporate Governance Manager, Nicki Whitehouse; Station Manager (SM) Simon Smith

**19/33 Welcome**

19/33.1 The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.

**19/34 Apologies**

19/34.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Steve Baron.

**19/35 Code of Conduct, Declarations of Interest and Notifications of Any Other Business**

19/35.1 The Chair asked the meeting for any disclosures of pecuniary interests under the Localism Act. There were no disclosures.

**19/36 Public questions**

19/36.1 There were no members of the public present and no public questions had been received.

- 19/37 Review and approve minutes of the Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole LPS meeting on 29 August 2019**
- 19/37.1 The Chair asked Members to review and approve the minutes from the last meeting.
- 19/37.2 **RESOLVED: that the minutes be confirmed without amendment and signed by the Chair as a correct record.**
- 19/38 Action Progress**
- 19/38.1 Corporate Governance Manager, Nicki Whitehouse introduced the report stating that there were three completed actions and two 'in progress'.
- 19/38.2 Cllr Davies confirmed that he had been contacted regarding Safe and Well visits as described in action number 265. The Committee agreed that action number 268 was covered by the recent letter that AM Why had sent to Members. Cllr Stribley confirmed that she had recently had a useful visit to the West Moors Training Centre.
- 19/38.3 **RESOLVED: Members approved the closure of actions 265 and 268 and the removal of all completed actions.**
- 19/39 Performance reporting and briefing**
- 19/39.1 GM Graham took Members through the Performance Report for quarter 2, (Appendix A) accompanied by a presentation.
- 19/39.2 **Priority 1** making safer and healthier choices
- 19/39.3 GM Graham reported the reinvigoration of SAIL (Safe and Independent Living) and that the Hospital Discharge Pilot, in partnership with the British Red Cross was showing good results. He had shared the statistics showing the outcomes with and presented to the Community Safety Partnership. GM Graham reported that there had been 38 referrals. AM Why explained that the Service was one of three running the pilot, which had recently closed for evaluation. He also confirmed that the Service, having seen the outcomes, would be very likely to continue with the initiative.
- 19/39.4 GM Graham reported that the Group had carried out 1,059 Safe and Well visits, 86% of which were with high or very high-risk vulnerable people.
- 19/39.5 GM Graham informed the Committee that there had been one fire related death in Poole on 31 August, which was awaiting a Coroner's inquest and determination. There had been five injuries in the quarter, four of which were a result of one incident.

- 19/39.6 GM Graham explained that that the number of children reported as receiving fire safety lessons in school was far lower than the same period last year due to a specific drive on heath-related risks last year, making the number much higher than average.
- 19/39.7 In answer to a question from a Member, GM Graham explained that the lower number of primary school visits to a SafeWise Safety Centre was due to the fact that the quarter fell in the summer term when schools were committed to other events and included the school summer holidays.
- 19/39.8 Cllr Davies reported that arson had been discussed by the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) and that it would be put on a future agenda. AM Why expressed thanks to Cllr Davies for his support on this Board and confirmed that he would present to a future CSP meeting.
- 19/39.9 GM Graham played the Committee a video clip that explained the 'Biker Down' initiative, a course that gives motorcyclists tips on advanced driving, managing the scene of a motorcycle accident and carrying out emergency first aid until an ambulance arrives. This will soon take place in the south of our Service area, having been started in the north.
- 19/39.10 GM Graham explained the purpose of the Older Drivers Forum. AM Why confirmed that he would find out how the delegates are targeted to attend these courses.
- 19/39.11 **ACTION: AM Why to confirm how delegates are targeted to attend Older Drivers Forum courses.**
- 19/39.12 **Priority 2** – protecting you and the environment from harm
- 19/39.13 GM Graham took the Committee through the fire safety performance data on pages 10 and 11 of the appendix. One enforcement notice had been issued during the quarter. In answering a question from a Member, AM Why explained the various ways that fire safety issues are identified – for example via complaints, and often through other agencies such as the Food Standards Agency and Immigration Services. He explained that complaints relate to things like blocked access and escape routes.
- 19/39.14 GM Graham explained recent improvements to heath mapping that was published in the 'Weekly Update' to staff. He explained that these include access points and are available on the Mobile Data Terminals for crews on their way to and at incidents.
- 19/39.15 **Priority 3** – being there when you need us
- 19/39.16 The Committee reviewed the performance data for response standards. GM Graham explained how any responses that did not meet the standards were examined and managed.

19/39.17 When looking at the number and mix of incidents shown in the pie chart on page 17 of the appendix, GM Graham explained the work the Service was doing with automatic false alarm calls to repeat addresses. The aim of this work is to reduce the number of false alarms the Service is called to.

19/39.18 In answer to a Member's question about fitness, GM Graham explained that occasionally a member of staff may fail a fitness assessment. In these cases, one of the Service Health and Fitness advisors will carry out a risk assessment and work with the individual to return to the required level of fitness. He confirmed that if the level of fitness is too low, the member of staff could be taken off the run until a satisfactory level of fitness is achieved.

19/39.19 **RESOLVED: Members scrutinised and approved performance for quarter 2**

#### **19/40 Media and Communications**

19/40.1 AM Why reported that he would arrange for all Members to receive the regular social media messages that go out to staff, so they could stay up to date with safety messages and other relevant information.

19/40.2 **ACTION: Members to receive the regular social media messages that go out to staff.**

#### **19/41 Update on LPS reporting – LPS Members Dashboard Working Group**

19/41.1 ACFO Mahoney reported the outcome of the last Working Group meeting that had been held on 19 September where Members had been given an overview of the new dashboard. He confirmed that this would be implemented on 1 April 2020, and that the Committee would see the new reports from the August meeting when they reviewed the first quarter's performance for 2020-21.

#### **19/42 Issues raised by Members (agreed with chairman)**

19/42.1 No issues were raised by Members. ACFO Mahoney referred to the Phase One Report that had just been published by the Grenfell Tower Inquiry. He explained the following.

19/42.2 That the Service had taken a number of actions to ensure that we have considered the operational risk and the information crews have at the incident ground, our response, including the fleet of new Arial Ladder Platforms and underpinning fire safety arrangements in high-rise residential buildings.

19/42.3 We have worked with building owners and managers to ensure that aluminium composite material (ACM) cladding has been identified and the risk mitigated. Just two residential premises have been identified with having ACM in our service area. We have worked with Local Authority partners to improve fire safety in the local high-rise building stock.

19/42.4 We have been a contributor to reviews into building and fire safety since the Grenfell Tower fire including the Independent Review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety and the Government's Building Safety Programme. We will continue to work with government, fire and rescue services, local authorities and every residential building owners and managers to ensure the best possible levels in public safety.

19/42.5 ACFO Mahoney went on to say that the recommendations of the report would now be the subject of a gap analysis and any actions identified using the Operational Effectiveness Database. The Authority would be kept informed.

**19/43 Date of Next Meeting**

19/43.1 The Chair confirmed the date of the next Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Local Performance and Scrutiny Committee meeting as 20 February 2020 at 10:00 hours, at Poole Fire Station.

The meeting closed at 11.28

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