



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE
FIRE AND RESCUE
AUTHORITY**

**Minutes of the
Bournemouth & Poole Local Performance and Scrutiny Committee
held at 10:00am on Wednesday 5 September 2018 at
the Cattistock Room
Poole Civic Centre, Poole**

Members present: Cllr Ann Stribley (Chairman), Cllr Malcolm Davies, Cllr Vikki Slade

Officer attendance: Director of Community Safety, Assistant Chief Fire Officer (ACFO) Jim Mahoney; Area Manager (AM), Craig Baker; Group Manager (GM), Dave Graham; Democratic Services Officer, Mrs Marianne Taylor

Observer: Crew Manager (CM) Faris Mani

18/20 Election of Chairman

18/20.1 ACFO Jim Mahoney asked Members for their nominations for the role of chairman. Cllr Ann Stribley was nominated, seconded and agreed.

18/20.2 **RESOLVED: Cllr Ann Stribley be Chairman**

18/21 Welcome

18/21.1 The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed attendees including CM Faris Mani (Springbourne Fire Station).

18/22 Apologies

18/22.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Beverley Dunlop; and Prevention & Protection Manager, AM Seth Why.

18/23 Code of Conduct, Declarations of Interest and Notifications of Any Other Business

18/23.1 The Chairman asked the meeting for any disclosures of pecuniary interests under the localism act. There were no disclosures.

18/24 Public Questions

18/24.1 There were no members of the public present and no public questions had been received.

18/25 Minutes of the Bournemouth & Poole LPS meeting on 14 May 2018

18/25.1 The Chairman asked Members to review and approve the minutes from the last meeting.

18/25.2 **RESOLVED: Minutes were approved as an accurate record with no amendments.**

18/26 Action Progress Report

18/26.1 The Democratic Services Officer, Mrs Marianne Taylor, advised Members that since the last meeting the outstanding action had been completed and there were no further actions logged.

18/26.2 Members discussed the Action Progress Report and requested extra actions be recorded. Cllr Slade requested that thanks be conveyed to the Safe & Well Advisor Alan Cottman who provided the shadowing opportunity to enable a better understanding of S&W visits and the advisors role.

18/26.3 Cllr Slade advised that she had met with the Dorset Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC), Martyn Underhill, who was concerned about how the speed Safe and Independent Living (SAIL) referrals were followed up.

18/26.4 ACFO Mahoney confirmed to Members that the Service uses Pinpoint, and other data capture systems, to highlight vulnerable individuals; and that urgent cases were dealt with by raising a safeguarding concern, which would result in action being taken. AM Craig Baker advised that he attends the Safeguarding Board and would pass on PCC Underhill's comment.

18/26.5 **RESOLVED: Members noted the actions.**

18.26/6 **ACTION: ACFO Mahoney to pass on Cllr Slade's thanks to Safe & Well Officer, Alan Cottman**

18/26.7 **ACTION: AM Baker to liaise with Dorset Police and discuss ongoing engagement with the SAIL referral system.**

18/26.8 **ACTION: Cllr Slade would feedback to PCC Martyn Underhill about SAIL referrals.**

18/27 Performance monitoring and briefing

- 18/27.1 AM Craig Baker introduced GM Dave Graham who took Members through Quarter 1's Performance Report for Bournemouth & Poole Local Performance & Scrutiny (Appendix A) adding that a large portion of his presentation would focus on safety.
- 18/27.2 The three priorities that AM Baker has responsibility for in his area are:
Priority 1 Help you make safer and healthier choices
Priority 2 Protect you and the environment from harm, and
Priority 3 Be there when you need us.
- Priority 1**
- 18/27.3 GM Graham advised Members that the Service has been liaising with dementia groups in the area, using a small group approach, about safety awareness. He added that members of the Springbourne crew had attended a meeting about the management of student accommodation to provide advice about fire safety.
- 18/27.4 GM Graham confirmed that a charity called Firewise (not to be confused with FireWise & safety centre engagement) had been working on promoting responsibility for fires and the public's role in helping to prevent them. He further confirmed that the Service continued to publicise all safety messages using leaflets, posters and social media. AM Baker added that it was hoped that working with the charity would provide information about numbers of properties abutting heathland, woodland and farmland.
- 18/27.5 GM Graham confirmed to Members that Safe & Well (S&W) advisors were focussing on the most vulnerable groups with high risk elements, to support this work firefighters also undertook S&W visits. He added that working in that way provided greater value to those at greatest risk.
- 18/27.6 AM Baker reminded Members about the misting units discussed at an earlier meeting and provided a case study illustrating the benefits to a person with limited physical ability, by its installation in their home.
- 18/27.7 Members were interested to know how useful carbon monoxide (CO) monitors were in the community. GM Graham advised they were fitted where there was a need by S&W advisors as they were known to save life.
- Priority 2**
- 18/27.8 GM Graham summarised the various youth intervention activities that take place and advised Members about Ansbury, a charity which aims to improve the lives of young people aged 15 to 24. You can find out more here: https://www.ansbury.co.uk/Young_People.html The Service provided a Safer People and Responsible Communities (SPARC) course tailored to fit the requirement of the charity, with the advantage of including water safety advice.

- 18/27.9 Members were pleased to hear about Ansbury, and the work with the Prince's Trust, and commended the Service on the work undertaken to transform young people's lives. AM Baker advised that this was a team effort with staff from across the Service.
- 18/27.10 GM Graham advised Members that a road safety event had been carried out by Redhill Park Fire Station in partnership with Bournemouth University medical students to give some practical experience with casualties following road traffic collisions (RTC). He added that this helped students in their understanding of the importance of good partnership working with other agencies.
- 18/27.11 GM Graham advised Members that an interactive profiling map was being used which would show patterns of events across the region for a rolling 90-day period to drive down risk for harder to reach areas outside the ten-minute isochrone.
- 18/27.12 Members discussed Poole Harbour and its islands. GM Graham took Members through the challenges in the event of a fire and a possible scenario showing how incidents on the islands might be dealt with, working alongside the Poole Island Safety Group.
- 18/27.13 AM Baker confirmed there were good practices in place with fire safety advice and a good relationship with the Harbour Master's office and the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) locally.
- Priority 3**
- 18/27.14 GM Graham was pleased to report that whole time appliance availability was recorded as 100% with a lower figure for On-call availability due to the nature of the role.
- 18/27.15 Members discussed appliance availability, accessibility to an incident, and targets for attendance at events. GM Graham advised that all attendance outside the target time was investigated to understand any patterns, however on some occasions this may be due to unclear messages from persons reporting incidents.
- 18/27.16 Members were interested to learn more about how false alarms were managed and what was in place to support the reduction of these reports. AM Baker advised that there was a range of interventions and that ultimately sanctions can be used under the provision of fire safety legislation.
- 18/27.17 GM Graham advised Members that in Quarter 1 operational licence capability was good and that extra training was available to support learning on specialist equipment and appliances (such as the new aerial ladder platform) and ensured rolling refresher courses for on-call firefighters.
- 18/27.18 AM Baker confirmed that he was confident that all crews in his area were well trained and maintained their competences, as was evidenced by

outcomes from care and health & safety. He added that new ways of training would show dividends for years to come.

18/28 LPS Working Group Terms of Reference – nominated deputy

- 18/28.1 ACFO Mahoney introduced the working group terms of reference and its purpose, which was to ensure the right balance between the level of detail reported and the ability of Local Performance & Scrutiny (LPS) Committees to appropriately scrutinise, and be assured of, Service performance against key indicators within the three priorities (1, 2 & 3).
- 18/28.2 ACFO Mahoney advised Members that at the Finance & Governance meeting of 31 July Members agreed that there should be a nominated deputy to cover should the Chairman of any of the LPS Committees not be available to attend the working group meetings.
- 18/28.3 Members discussed the working group terms of reference, which had been tabled, and nominated, seconded and agreed Cllr Vikki Slade as the nominated Member to deputise for the Bournemouth & Poole LPS Chairman Cllr Ann Stribley.

18/29 Issues raised by Members (agreed with chairman)

- 18/29.1 Members discussed the future of this LPS for Bournemouth and Poole. The Democratic Services Officer advised that the Clerk & Monitoring Officer would provide advice and guidance on its future when the changes, due to take place across the County, had been resolved.

18/30 Date of Next Meeting

- 18/30.1 The Chairman confirmed the date of the next Bournemouth & Poole Local Performance and Scrutiny Committee meeting as 8 November 2018 from 10:00am at Redhill Park Community Fire Station.

Meeting ended at 11:20hrs

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