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**Minutes of the Dorset Local Performance and Scrutiny Committee held at
10:00am on 25 August 2022 at the Poundbury offices, Conference room, Peverell
Avenue West, Poundbury, Dorset**

Members present:

Cllr Pete Barrow (Chair)
Cllr Richard Biggs
Cllr Byron Quayle

Officer attendance:

Area Manager (AM), Darren Langdown
Group Manager (GM), Charlie Pack
Democratic Services Officer, David Shaw
District Commander East Dorset, Allan Frias-Robles (Open seat)
Area Manager (AM), Jason Moncrieff (Open seat)

22/19 Election of Chair

22/19.1 The Democratic Services Officer opened the meeting. He asked for nominations for the role of Chair. Cllr Barrow was nominated by Cllr Quayle. This was seconded by Cllr Biggs. Cllr Barrow was duly elected as Chair.

22/19.2 **RESOLVED: That Cllr Barrow be elected Chair of the Dorset Local Performance and Scrutiny Committee.**

22/20 Welcome

22/20.1 Cllr Barrow welcomed Members and Officers to the meeting.

22/21 Apologies

22/21.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Rebecca Knox and Director of Community Safety, Assistant Chief Fire Officer (ACFO), Andy Cole.

22/22 Code of Conduct, Declaration of Interests

22/22.1 The Chair asked the meeting for any disclosures of pecuniary interests under the Localism Act. There were no disclosures.

22/23 Public Questions

22/23.1 There were no members of the public present and no public questions had been received.

22/23.2 **RESOLVED: Members noted that there were no public questions**

22/24 Review and approve minutes of the Dorset Local Performance and Scrutiny (LPS) meeting on 26 May 2022

22/24.1 The Chair asked Members to review and approve the minutes from the last meeting.

22/24.2 **RESOLVED: That the minutes be confirmed without amendment and be signed by the Chair as a correct record.**

22/25 Action Progress Report

22/25.1 Group Manager (GM), Charlie Pack and the Democratic Services Officer provided an update to the Committee on the following actions:

22/25.2 Action 343: To liaise with the Dorset local alliance of children and adult services, with Amanda Davis, Head of Locality and Strategy, at Dorset Council being the contact for youth intervention. Area Manager (AM) Darren Langdown reported that Area Manager (AM) Marc House – Prevention and Protection and Tess Cross, the Education Manager (Schools) had attended the quarterly meeting of the Dorset local alliance of children and adult services, and it was agreed that this action was therefore complete.

22/25.3 Action 355: Regarding consultations with Cllr Knox and the Local Performance and Scrutiny Committee Chairs, that officer attendance at constituent councils with Local Area Board meetings be reviewed. This action was still in progress and an update would be provided at the November LPS meeting. AM Langdown further reported that a capacity tool was being developed with station managers and group managers to better understand time allocation, and AM House was reviewing the value of officer attendance, which included using information from station risk profiles. Cllr Quayle enquired about the Service's relationship with Children and Adult Services and AM Langdown stated that this was part of the study that AM House was undertaking. Cllr Biggs commented that Officer attendance at meetings and with contacts should be effective and add value.

22/25.4 **RESOLVED: Members noted the pending action on number 355 and that action number 343 was complete.**

22/26 Performance monitoring and briefing quarter 1

22/26.1 GM Pack presented to Members the performance monitoring and briefing for quarter 1, which covered the three priority areas overseen by this Committee:

Priority 1 Help you to make safer and healthier choices

Priority 2 Protect you and the environment from harm, and

Priority 3 Be there when you need us.

A link to the presentation can be found [here](#).

22/26.2 **Priority 1 - Help you to make safer and healthier choices.**

22/26.3 In answer to the Chair's question about the Anti-Social Behaviour Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) for BBQs in public spaces, which came into effect from 1 July 2022, AM Darren Langdown stated that the effectiveness of the Orders would be reviewed. GM Pack added that the Orders did not include campsites and work was undertaken with campsite owners to align with the guidance. It was agreed that review of the effectiveness of the Orders be an action for the next meeting of the Committee.

22/26.4 **ACTION: That the effectiveness of the Anti-Social Behaviour Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) for BBQs in public spaces be reviewed.**

22/26.5 **Priority 2 - Protect you and the environment from harm**

22/26.6 Arising from observations by Cllr Quayle, debate took place on the Service's use of social media to disseminate its message to a wide audience, and different members of the community, and to understand the impacts that the messaging had in resultant prevention. GM Pack explained that stations had their own social media accounts and local crews also provided media updates, for which media training was provided. Cllr Biggs commented that personal contact was also important, and GM Pack stated that the Service did attend events.

22/26.7 In reply to a question from Cllr Biggs, GM Pack explained that Airbnb's were not regulated as they were domestic dwellings. Complaints that arose about such establishments were investigated and some Airbnb's were regulated under the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985, for the provision of, for example, smoke alarms.

22/26.8 Priority 3 - Be there when you need us

22/26.9 In answer to Members' questions regarding the 78% on-call appliance availability, AM Langdown detailed the latest initiatives that were used to support recruitment and training. These included taking a modular approach to training, shortening the qualification period, reducing administration, reviewing contracts and analysis at station level of the pay model.

22/26.10 Following a question from Cllr Quayle, AM Langdown informed Members that although there had been several new staff in Fire Control that required shadowing and that there had been cases of sickness absence, resilience was provided by staff across the shared partnership and call handling was robust and not a cause for concern.

22/26.11 In answer to a question from Cllr Biggs, the Officers explained how Control of Major Accident Hazards (COMAH) sites were identified and a risk assessment made.

22/26.12 The Chair thanked the officers for the presentation.

22/26.13 **RESOLVED: Members scrutinised and noted the performance for quarter 1.**

22/27 Matters raised by Members (agreed with Chair)

22/27.1 There were no matters raised by Members.

22/28 Date of Next Meeting

22/28.1 The Chair confirmed the date of the next Dorset Local Performance and Scrutiny Committee meeting as 24 November 2022 at 10:00am at Conference Room at the Poundbury offices, Peverell Avenue West, Poundbury, Dorset.

The meeting closed at 11:50

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