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**Minutes of the
Bournemouth and Poole Local Performance and Scrutiny Committee
held at 10:00 hours on Monday 14 May 2018 at
Bournemouth Town Hall – Royal Hampshire Room**

Members present: Cllr Mark Anderson (Chairman); Cllr Les Burden; Cllr Beverley Dunlop; Christopher Rochester; Cllr Ann Stribley

Officer attendance: Director of Community Safety, Assistant Chief Fire Officer (ACFO), James Mahoney; Area Manager (AM), Craig Baker; Head of Strategic Planning and Knowledge Management, Mr Robert Ford; Group Manager (GM) Dave Graham; Democratic Services Officer, Mrs Marianne Taylor.

18/11 Welcome

18/11.1 The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed Members to the fourth and final Local Performance and Scrutiny Committee meeting (LPS) of 2017/18; the Chairman also welcomed Group Manager (GM) Dave Graham to his first meeting.

18/11.2 GM Graham introduced himself to Members, providing some background to his experience with DWFRS.

18/12 Apologies

18/12.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Christopher Rochester; and Performance & Evaluation Manager, Mrs Jane Barnes.

18/13 Code of Conduct, Declarations of Interest and Notifications of Any Other Business

18/13.1 The Chairman asked the meeting for any disclosures of pecuniary interests under the localism act. There were no disclosures.

18/14 Public Questions

18/14.1 There were no members of the public present and no public questions had been received.

18/15 Minutes of the Bournemouth & Poole LPS meeting on 12 March 2018

18/15.1 The Chairman asked Members to review and approve the minutes from the last meeting.

18/15.2 **RESOLVED: Minutes were approved and signed as an accurate record with no amendments.**

18/16 Action Progress

18/16.1 The Democratic Services Officer, Mrs Marianne Taylor, provided an update on the progress of actions since the last meeting. Mrs Taylor advised that there was one action pending and one action in progress. Action 95 is awaiting input from Cllr Vikki Slade and GM Seth Why; Action 129 required action from ACFO Jim Mahoney which he confirmed had been carried out.

18/16.2 **RESOLVED: Members noted the action progress report.**

18/16.3 **ACTION: Action no 129 be closed, action 95 to remain open pending input from Cllr Slade or GM Seth Why.**

18/17 Performance monitoring and briefing

18/17.1 Area Manager (AM) Craig Baker took Members through the fourth Quarter's Performance Report for Bournemouth and Poole Local Performance & Scrutiny area (Appendix A). The Head of Strategic Planning and Knowledge Management, Mr Robert Ford proffered his apologies for the lateness of one graph in the report which he had tabled at the meeting.

18/17.2 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.

18/17.3 Priority 1

Members would like to be informed about station manager and group manager changes. ACFO Mahoney advised that this would be done at the meeting on 6 June and future updates will be presented to each of the LPS Committees as they happen.

- 18/17.4 AM Baker advised Members that the Service continued to work with partners to ensure that resources are targeted to the most vulnerable in the community and to make every contact count. He added that the Service's approach used data and information to support the delivery of prevention and education activities.
- 18/17.5 AM Baker confirmed that the Service endeavoured to identify those most at risk through several methods. These included referrals from our partners, direct referrals from the public and by using specialist computer modelling software Pinpoint (computer modelling software) and MOSAIC (demographics analysis tool).
- 18/17.6 AM Baker added that the Safe and Independent Living (SAIL) scheme was the focus within the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) in the move from a general reactive approach to treatment and care to an emphasis on prevention and proactive care that will enable vulnerable people to live more independently.
- 18/17.7 AM Baker advised that the service continued to react to individual needs during Safe and Well (S&W) visits and has recognised the need to develop a consistent and thorough approach to translation services and individuals who may have disabilities that affect their ability to communicate.
- 18/17.8 In response to a question from Members ACFO Mahoney confirmed that Public Health England provided assurance of the significant difference that S&W visits had in the community.
- 18/17.9 AM Baker advised that a number of school visits had taken place which included educating young people in the dangers of setting off fire alarms and fire starting. AM Baker added that a specialist arson reduction officer and a number of fire setting advisors had been trained to support perpetrators. AM Baker further advised that anecdotal evidence showed that these events, along with Safer People and Responsible Communities (SPARC) and Dorset Police Safer Schools Teams project (Blitz), had made a difference to people's lives.
- 18/17.10 AM Baker confirmed that the primary aim of road safety education was to safeguard young people. AM Baker further advised that the Service did this by providing Safe Drive Stay Alive (SDSA) sessions and education to over 5,000 people in Dorset, Poole & Bournemouth. AM Baker added that more education visits and SDSA events were planned for 2018-19.
- 18/17.11 AM Baker confirmed to Members that the SDSA and road safety education was not funded externally and exists due the good will of partners and volunteers. He added that there was a new road safety website (www.dorsetroadsafe.org.uk), which, AM Baker suggested, Members might like to view and share with their constituents.
- 18/17.12 AM Baker advised Members that the Service has exceeded the 53% target of safe and well visits to vulnerable people, with referrals being provided

from several sources. AM Baker provided a case study which illustrated the positive impact of safe and well visits on individuals.

Priority 2

18/17.13 AM Baker advised Members that safeguarding was primarily about adults adding that the Service had recently been working with partners to identify those at risk through modern slavery. AM Baker provided a video illustrating this and which can be found at www.unchosen.org.uk. AM Baker added that part of the Services work was to uphold regulation and report on concerns.

18/17.14 AM Baker provided insight into working with those who have poor mental health adding that the safeguarding lead was working with partners and internally to identify and establish a method for capturing repeat hoax calling from people in this vulnerable group.

18/17.15 AM Baker took Members through the case study provided, which related to a flat in Commercial Road, Bournemouth where many elements combined to prevent a chip pan fire from spreading into the corridor. AM Baker advised that had the fire spread there would have been a potential to restrict egress from the building. AM Baker went on to explain some of the arrangements for extracting or releasing smoke from high-rise buildings, added that student accommodation landlords were improving fire safety procedures.

18/17.16 AM Baker advised Members that Bournemouth & Poole fire crews had a full schedule of activities and visits in the 4th quarter, and they also covered for Salisbury to allow Salisbury Crews to concentrate on the recovery of Salisbury City buildings from the nerve agent incident.

18/17.17 AM Baker advised Members that local firefighters had supported local resilience in the recovery and management of the severe weather conditions during March. AM Baker added that all Dorset agencies pulled together well during the three major incidents since the last meeting of this Committee. AM Baker advised that a fourth incident, involving the rescue of young people from the River Stour at Tuckton, had also taken place.

Priority 3

18/17.18 AM Baker reported that the availability of appliances was good during the last quarter with many crews 'living-in' during difficult weather conditions. The poor weather had made it difficult for appliances to be mobilised, on-call crews to attend within the time scale, and therefore to achieve attendance targets.

18/17.19 AM Baker advised that 'Have a-go' sessions had taken place as part of the recruitment drive and 42 applicants who were successful, from an initial figure of 1000 or more. AM Baker added that three female applicants were successful from an initial group of 200 women.

- 18/17.20 AM Baker advised that the Service was now seen in a more positive light and was getting better at breaking down stereo-typing and becoming more appealing to a range of diverse communities. AM Baker added external recruitments to Group and Station Manager roles had also taken place.
- 18/17.21 AM Baker confirmed to Members that debriefs had taken place and more were booked for the high-rise event mentioned earlier with another taking place for the nerve agent incident in Salisbury City. AM Baker added that debriefs take place following all major incidents as a matter of course.
- 18/17.22 AM Baker advised that there has been one fire related death in the quarter totalling three fire related deaths in the last 12 months, adding that a recent road traffic collision in Poole was caused by icy roads.

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

- 18/18.1 Members were interested in planning applications that related to underground parking. AM Baker advised that provided planning and building regulations are covered they would go ahead. AM Baker added that the Service has advised of a preference for sprinkler systems in covered and underground car parks, however this was not a requirement. AM Baker confirmed to Members that all firefighters were trained to deal with fires in carparks and that underground parking was becoming more common.

18/19 Date of Next Meeting

- 18/19.1 The Chairman confirmed the date of the next Bournemouth & Poole Local Performance and Scrutiny Committee meeting as 5 September 2018 10:00 hours at Poole Civic Centre.

Meeting finished at 11:30am

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