



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE
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DRAFT Minutes of the
Bournemouth and Poole Local Performance and Scrutiny Committee
held at 10:00 hours on Monday 21 November 2016 at the
HMS Phoebe, Bournemouth Town Hall, Bournemouth

These are draft minutes prepared by officers to be approved by the Committee at their next meeting.

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

Officer attendance: ACFO Nigel Shearing; Craig Baker, Area Manager; Robert Ford, Head of ; Jane Barnes, Manager; Marianne Taylor Democratic Services Officer.

1 Welcome

1.1 The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed attendees including

2 Apologies

2.2 Apologies were received from Cllr Vikki Slade following an invitation to attend the meeting.

3 Code of Conduct, Declarations of Interest and Notifications of Any Other Business

3.1 The Chairman asked the meeting for any disclosures of pecuniary interests under the localism act.

3.2 There were none

4 Public Questions

4.1 There were no members of the public present, and no questions received.

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5 Minutes of the Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority meeting on 30 August 2016

- 5.1 The Chairman asked Members to review and approve the minutes from the last meeting.
- 5.2 Members confirmed their approval of minutes, subject to a response about item "6.9: A Member asked what was being done in relation to EU friendships, such as has gone on in the past. AM Baker was asked to report back to the Member...."
- 5.3 Mr Ford outlined at Members request where he was in relation to getting trend lines applied to the graphs. He responded that he is awaiting advice from the provider of the performance package.
- 5.4 **Action: AM to report back to Member on funding and relationships with EU friendships.**
- 5.5 **Action: Mr Ford to report back on outcome of his discussions with the Sycle provider.**

6 Performance

- 6.1 The AM outlined his approach to reporting on performance at this meeting and asked Members to let him know if they would prefer a different approach once he had completed his presentation.
- 6.2 AM Baker went through the various Key Lines of Enquiry (KLOE) under each of the priorities highlighting areas like fire safety education; safe and well checks and a range of partner working activities.
- 6.3 Members raised concerns about the numbers and ages of children included in the safety education and were assured that 550 key stage 1 & 2 children have been reached. They were also content that DWFRS as a whole is working on improving the numbers of schools and colleges actively involved in these initiatives. Members suggested that attending the 'Freshers' event would be a good opportunity to promote fire safety education, and Safe Drive - Stay Alive, at Bournemouth University.
- Action: AM to research attending Bournemouth University's Freshers event to promote safety education.**
- 6.4 Across the B&P area 43 events are planned for 2016/17 with the Safe Drive Stay Alive which has been launched at Weymouth Pavilion recently.
- 6.5 Members were interested in learning about the SPARC programme as this reaches the 16 – 18 age group. Members were also interested in how to get to

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groups of adults to engage in prevention activities suggesting that there were many groups who might be interested in receiving a presentation on this. Funding issues were raised. (Nigel ... !)

Action? Re funding

- 6.6 Members were interested to learn that firefighters and home safety advisors (HSO) make visits to support vulnerable people to stay in their own home.
- 6.7 Members asked for a schedule of events to be set up and promoted. Members were interested in knowing more about how HSOs work.

Action: Set up a schedule to include all events taking place across the B&P areas, to include Safe Drive, Stay alive, SPARC so that Members can promote initiatives.

- 6.8 The ACFO outlined the role of the HSO and partners included in safe and well checks. He added that this is part of supporting vulnerable people to live independently in their homes.
- 6.9 A Member suggested that working in partnership with Bournemouth Driving Instructors Association would help promote safe drive, stay alive. The Chairman agreed to promote this to the DIA.

Action: Chairman to make contact with Bournemouth Driving Instructors Association to help promote safe drive, stay alive.

- 6.10 Hate crime: Members raised concern that headlines showing emphasis on hate crime could be misleading. It was suggested that the context should reflect there has been an increase in hate crime and the service is working in partnership with others to reduce risks in our community. This as part of our responsibility for safeguarding.
- 6.11 A Member raised a concern about the hatched area to the rear of Poole Hospital that was reserved for fire vehicles which is being used to store wheelie bins containing rubbish. AM said he would check to see what action, if any, was needed.

Action: AM to check for actions relating to Poole Hospital

- 6.12 Some concerns were raised about fires in properties above shops and high rise buildings. Members were pleased to hear of the work that is done and the building regulations that are in place.

7 AM report

- 7.1 AM went through the second half of his report and Members raised some questions which were answered immediately. Primarily these were about arrangements for sprinkler systems in homes above shops and in high rise flats.

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The AM outlined portable sprinkler systems for individuals which are available and might be used in some households where there is a high risk.

- 7.2 Members were pleased with the response times and asked about the few areas where response times were not met. Members were content to know that response time were missed by only a matter of seconds. They congratulated the Service provision locally.
- 7.3 Members were interested in the 'Sloppy Slipper' item and were assured that funding for this comes from PoPPs.

8 Issues Raised by Members

- 8.1 The Chairman asked if there was anything else the members and officers would like to see on the agenda.
- 8.2 Members would like to see local figures for areas they cover so they can promote this to other Councillors in their area.
- 8.3 Members agreed they would like to have local figures by ward relating to fires, false alarms (Nigel ... what else?)

Action: The Chairman to request items to be added to the Bournemouth Council Members Bulletin through their Democratic Services Officer.

Action: Local figures and information to be added to the AMs report, by ward and type of incident or event.

- 8.4 Members agreed they would like a presentation at their next meeting about prevention activities and why we undertake them.

Action: Arrangements to be made for the Head of Prevention to attend and give a presentation.

9 Date of Next Meeting

- 9.1 The Chairman confirmed with Members the date of the next B & P Local Performance and Scrutiny Committee meeting as 28 February 2017
- 9.2 Members discussed the venue for the next meeting and agreed that it would take place at the Bournemouth Town Hall (BTH), and the following meeting to take place at Poole Civic Centre, Cllr Stribley will check this is possible. Members would also like to know the date of the meeting due to take place in May or June..

Action: Mrs Taylor to book BTH for meeting.

Action: Cllr Stribley to sound out Poole Civic Centre

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Meeting closed at 11:55am