



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE  
FIRE AND RESCUE  
AUTHORITY**

Item 18/5

**DRAFT Minutes of the  
Bournemouth and Poole Local Performance and Scrutiny Committee  
held at 10:00 hours on Monday 13 November 2017 at the  
DWFRS Springbourne Fire Station, Richmond Park Close,  
Bournemouth, BH8 8TS**

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

Members present: Cllr Mark Anderson (Chairman); Cllr Les Burden Cllr Malcolm Davies; Cllr Christopher Rochester; Cllr Vikki Slade; Cllr Ann Stribley

Officer attendance: Director of Operations, ACFO Jim Mahoney; Area Manager (AM) Craig Baker; DAC Tim Spring, Head of Prevention and Protection, AM Seth Why; Head of Strategic Planning and Knowledge Management, Mr Robert Ford; Performance & Evaluation Manager, Mrs Jane Barnes; Democratic Services Officer, Mrs Marianne Taylor.

Observing: T/DC John Lewis (Wimbourne)

**17/20 Welcome**

17/20.1 The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed attendees including T/DC John Lewis who was observing.

**17/21 Apologies**

17/21.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Beverley Dunlop.

**17/22 Code of Conduct, Declarations of Interest and Notifications of Any Other Business**

17/22.1 The Chairman asked the meeting for any disclosures of pecuniary interests under the localism act. There were no disclosures.

**17/23 Public Questions**

17/23.1 There were no members of the public present and no public questions had been received.

**17/24 Minutes of the Bournemouth & Poole LPS meeting on 30 August 2017**

17/24.1 The Chairman asked Members to review and approve the minutes from the last meeting.

17/24.2 **RESOLVED: Minutes were approved and signed as an accurate record with no amendments.**

**17/23 Action progress**

17/23.1 Action 36: this Action completed.

17/23.2 42 & 72 Information duly circulated, however Cllr Burden advised he may not be able to make SDSA on Thursday 15/11/17 – Action completed.

17/23.3 Members noted the positive change which had taken place at Springbourne Fire Station and AM Baker will pass this on.

17/23.4 **RESOLVED to close actions 36, 42 & 72.**

17/23.5 **ACTION: The Head of Strategic Planning and Knowledge Management to send information about accessing the Member Dashboard to Cllr Vikki Slade.**

17/23.6 **ACTION: Media and Communications Manager to contact Cllr Anderson ref press release.**

17/23.7 **ACTION: AM to pass on Members' appreciation of the positive work which had taken place at Springbourne Fire Station.**

**17/24 Performance monitoring for the preceding quarter**

17/24.1 AM Baker took Members through the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter's Performance Report for Bournemouth & Poole Local Performance & Scrutiny (Appendix A) adding that he was pleased with current trends on a number of performance matters.

17/24.2 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.

AM Baker's new reporting responsibility is Area Command covering Bournemouth, Poole and Dorset (South of the Service area).

**Priority 1**

- 17/24.3 The Service has engaged with Bournemouth University and private sector landlords, have quarterly meetings with the university, noting that the student population is growing, and are mostly aged 18-20. AM Baker advised Members that one of the new 42m aerial ladders will be delivered to and based at Bournemouth. This will only leave 2% of high rise properties which will be outside its reach.
- 17/24.4 Members discussed building regulations and were comforted to hear that entry into and escape routes out of buildings from various floors, as well as access by the firefighters in attendance, were covered. Some concern was raised about Poole Hospital however this is now in hand.
- 17/24.5 Redhill Park fire station hosted a Safer People and Responsible Communities (SPARC) event, Members were disappointed to hear that only six of 12 attendees completed the programme due to poor behaviours, parents and teachers were pleased with outcomes for those who 'passed out'. All 17 Hamworthy fire station cadets 'passed out' successfully.
- 17/24.6 Arson reduction work has been a continuing success with a 28% reduction in deliberate fires setting over all. The work focusses on young people and fire-setting. There were six referrals to the fire-setting Counselling and youth worker. The Service engaged with over 1500 students in Quarter 2.
- 17/24.7 Members went on to discuss motorcycle collisions and were advised that the most common age group is 16 to 24. The Service is working with partners supporting bike awareness messages and working with local police forces to enforce 'overtaking cyclists' requirement and education.
- 17/24.8 Casualty figures show that a person was killed during the summer in a motorcycle incident. Army personnel have been involved in Safe Drive Stay Alive (SDSA) which has resulted in increased awareness for young soldiers returning from service abroad.
- 17/24.9 AM Baker was pleased to report a total of 2236 Safe & Well visits had taken place so far in the area, which is an increase on the annual total of 1114 for 2016/17; AM Baker went on to add that the Service provided a range of bedding and other fire prevention consumables to support its work with vulnerable groups. In response to a Member's query AM Seth Why (Head of Fire Safety) explained to Members that, assuming good partnership working, a couple of misting units would be in place for those who need them shortly (highest category of need only). Red watch took part in the coffee & cake

fund raising event for Macmillan Cancer Care in September and followed on with a coffee morning at the fire station to promote some serious messages.

- 17/24.10 Prevention and fire risk trends have been identified and are related to distraction, older people and cooking/electrical accidental fires. AM Baker was pleased to report that there was a reduction in malicious fires.

### **Priority 2**

- 17/24.11 The Services has participated in an adult safeguarding audit with local safeguarding boards. The Service has come out as 'green' which was a very good position and means our policy, procedures and practice meet expectations. B&P Safeguarding Adults' Board (BPSAB) carried out a review and the service received a line of sight inspection, which resulted in a good reflective report.

- 17/24.12 Local Government Association (LGA) is leading an initiative on positioning of domestic smoke detectors, checking for working batteries and cautioning against their removal over Christmas. During the quarter the Service has worked with local partners to create consistency of enforcement action; audits were carried out on 232 premises with five or more floors; 123 building regulations' consultations have taken place; 14 fire safety complaints were received (88% responded to within 24 hours); 38 post fire audits also took place; with about 50% of fire safety audits completed as Chief Fire Officers' Association (CFOA) short audits; and the Service received 40 licencing applications.

- 17/24.13 Premises information plates have been fitted to many high-rise buildings in the B&P area. These provide information to firefighters about the building. Positioning of the plates is agreed with landlords and kept clear/clean for the safety of the residents. The information will also be stored on Mobile Data Terminals (MDT). Following the Grenfell tragedy in June cladding has been reviewed and some buildings are part cladded including the University, however there are sprinklers fitted; one property in Poole has 15 – 20% cladding. A survey is imminent which may result in the removal of the cladding.

- 17/24.14 Service supported National Wildfire Conference 2017 bringing partners together to reduce the risk and impact of heathland fires.

- 17/24.15 Local resilience partnership is growing form strength to strength and has recently started working with Wessex Flood rescue. The Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) is a partner, in relation to response to flooding risk.

### **Priority 3**

- 17/24.16 Specialist bariatric rescue equipment is now available to the firefighters and training is underway and AM Baker expects full implementation in 2018. Members discussed how a register of vulnerable people in this category could be helpful in highlighting those who may require specialist equipment.

- 17/24.17 Response times were good at 94.12% for first attendance at sleeping risk properties and 91.67% for second appliance attendance (sleeping risk includes care homes, hotels, prisons etc). For other buildings the first appliance arrived within target response times on 77.78% of occasions and the second appliance arrived within target 100% of the time. Road Traffic Collision (RTC) response times arrived within 15minutes on 100% of occasions. Ms Barnes took Members through a selection of those outside the target response time, which were 1-3 minutes adrift of attendance time targets.
- 17/24.18 The Service is achieving 95.65% competence for whole-time crews and 88.89% competency for on-call firefighters in the area.
- 17/24.19 There have been no significant new risks over the quarter; there have been no fire related deaths; and there is a reduction in accidental dwelling fires. There was a power surge in Bournemouth which affected the area and over 40 properties reported incidents which were followed up by the Service. A debrief will be carried out and the power supplier will be invited to attend the Local Resilience Forum (LRF) to discuss the incident, its consequences for future learning and equipment installed by them.
- 17/24.20 YouTube clip for Safe & Well visits was shown, it has been introduced by the Chief Fire Officers' Association (CFOA). AM Why explained pinpoint, a local database for targeting most vulnerable people, and how this works. The work the Service does results in fewer victims of fire and related incidents within the home.
- 17/24.21 **RESOLVED: Having scrutinised the report Members approved the performance for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter.**
- 17/24.22 **ACTION: Members would like more information about cyclists' incidents which will provided alongside these minutes.**
- 17/24.23 **ACTION: AM Baker to speak to Ian Hopkins to provide more background on the future SDSA work with military personnel.**
- 17/24.24 **ACTION: DSO to determine if attendance at wildfire conference would come under Member training so that Members could attend the next event and feedback.**
- 17/25 Briefing from the Area Manager**
- 17/25.1 Taken with item 17/24 above.
- 17/26 Issues raised by Members (agreed with Chairman)**

17/26.1 Cllr Burden attended a recruitment day. AM Baker advised that Poole was the busiest venue and 36 visitors signed up as interested in knowing more about becoming a firefighter.

17/26.2 **ACTION: Cllr Slade to forward her concerns to fire safety advisors.**

**17/27 Date of Next Meeting**

17/27.1 The Chairman confirmed the date of the next B & P Local Performance and Scrutiny Committee meeting as 1 March 2018 at Poole fire station.

Meeting closed at 11.25am

*Signed:* \_\_\_\_\_