



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE
FIRE AND RESCUE
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Minutes of the BCP Local Performance and Scrutiny Committee held on 20 May 2021, 10.00am at Poole Fire Station, Poole.

Members present:

Cllr Ann Stribley (Chair)
Cllr Steve Baron
Cllr Malcolm Davies
Cllr Paul Hilliard
Cllr Toby Johnson

Officer attendance:

Director of Community Safety, Assistant Chief Fire Officer (ACFO), Andy Cole
Area Manager (AM), Seth Why
Group Manager (GM), Dave Graham
Democratic Services Support, Steph Howard
Station Manager (SM), Julian Lockwood

21/09 Welcome

21/09.1 The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed Members.

21/10 Apologies

21/10.1 No apologies were received.

21/11 Code of Conduct, Declarations of Interest and Notifications of Any Other Business

21/11.1 The Chair asked the meeting for any disclosures of pecuniary interests under the Localism Act. There were no disclosures.

21/12 Review and approve minutes of the BCP LPS meeting on 18 February 2021

21/12.1 The Chair asked Members to review and approve the minutes from the last meeting.

21/12.2 **RESOLVED: that the minutes be confirmed without amendment and signed by the Chair as a correct record.**

21/13 Action progress report

21/13.1 Democratic Services Support, Steph Howard took Members through the Action Progress report. She explained that there were no actions taken at the last meeting on 18 February and none outstanding from previous meetings.

21/13.2 **RESOLVED: Members noted the actions and comments.**

21/14 Performance monitoring and briefing

21/14.1 Group Manager (GM) Graham took Members through the Performance report for quarter 4 by way of a presentation, giving an overview of each Key Lines of Enquiry (KLOE) under priorities 1, 2 and 3.

21/14.2 Priority one - making safer and healthier choices

21/14.3 GM Graham provided an update on the multi-agency partnerships the Service continues to contribute to. He confirmed that the Service attend the following meetings: Safeguarding Adults Board, Health and Wellbeing Board, Community Safety Partnership – Strategic Priority Delivery Group, Community Safety Partnership – Local Priority Coordinating Group, Bournemouth University Student Accommodation Management Group, Poole Harbour Island Partnership, Road Safety Partnership, Safe and Independent Living (SAIL) scheme.

21/14.4 GM Graham reported that increasing partnership referrals is a key task for the Safe & Well Team and that there were a number of new partnerships being developed within the BCP area which include Nature Care Solutions, Nurse Plus, Tricuro, Arbri, Angel Holistic Care, NHS Mental Health Care Services. He reported that there had been a 2% increase in referrals service wide in the last quarter, however, the BCP area partner referrals reduced from 221 to 172 compared to last year. The Service continue to deliver an adapted approach to Safe & Well visits. The Service is developing an evaluation of our prevention activities to measure the impact of our prevention activities, including a Value for Money assessment for the service, our partners and wider societal benefits.

21/14.5 GM Graham provided a summary of the national social media campaigns the Service supported in the last quarter and the positive numbers of reaches achieved for each campaign post. He also reported that 9 schools had received virtual fire safety education lessons, with a total of 840 children attending, and a new online course was delivered to 9 young people with the Princes Trust team programme called 'Achieve'.

- 21/14.6 Members queried whether the Service planned to carry on using social media and their education platforms. GM Graham confirmed that this way of working had been very beneficial and the Service would carry on using a hybrid of both.
- 21/14.7 GM Graham advised Members of road safety activity which is aligned to the local and national campaigns including the National Roads Partnership calendar, THINK, Highways England, Road Safety Partnerships and NFCC Campaigns. This quarters activity included involvement in the driving whilst using a mobile phone campaign, which attracted over 11,000 impressions on twitter as well as national campaign such as Commercial Vehicle Week, Highways England "Go Left" campaign and Project Edward (every day without a road death).
- 21/14.8 GM Graham reported the work undertaken in the last quarter in relation to Safe Drive Stay Alive. The programme had been delivered digitally to 9 schools, over 900 students. Online resources have been downloaded 700 times by teaching professionals and the Survive the Drive programme has reached over 2,000 military personnel nationally.
- 21/14.9 GM Graham advised Members that year to date BCP have received 24 firesetter referrals, with 18 cases resolved and six ongoing. He highlighted that the Service's integrated approach to fire setting behaviour is centred on key risk groups and with regular local monitoring of deliberate fires, we continue to have one of the lowest occurrences of deliberate fires across all FRS' in England.
- 21/14.10 **Priority 2 - protecting you and the environment from harm**
- 21/14.11 GM Graham provided an update on the impact of the Automatic fire alarms strategy at commercial premises during the last quarter. Across the BCP Group this has delivered cashable savings of £650 for on-call attendance and 45 wholetime hours saved.
- 21/14.12 He also reported that, due to the downturn in proactive audits, progress is being monitored against the corporate target to audit 100% of known sleeping accommodation identified as high risk where the Fire Safety Order applies.
- 21/14.13 With regards the Services response to the Grenfell Tower Inquiry, GM Graham highlighted the key areas of focus:
- Working with building owners to jointly understand the building construction and how the fire safety measures are maintained.
 - Liaising with the NFCC Building Safety Team to influence future legislative changes, including changes to Building Regulations and Fire Safety legislation.
 - Fire Safety continues to work with operational colleagues to share building information, and with the Prevention Team to include the occupants of tall buildings in our Safe & Well work.

- 21/14.14 GM Graham reported on the premise information plates (PiPs) fitted to buildings in the BCP area. 16 PiPs have been fitted, 44 are underway and 23 are outstanding.
- 21/14.15 **Priority 3 - being there when you need us**
- 21/14.16 GM Graham reported that the availability of wholetime appliances remains very strong. On-call appliances were available to respond to incidents 93.5% of the time and wholetime appliances 98.4% of the time. Ongoing action is being taken to ensure on-call availability improves and this includes a Service wide review of on-call contracts of availability and succession planning to maintain availability and support recruitment.
- 21/14.17 GM Graham highlighted the response figures reported in quarter 4 in terms of response times:
- 100% of incidents at sleeping risk properties where the first appliance met the response standard within the travel-time isochrone (84/84)
 - 100% of incidents to other properties where the first appliance met the response standard within the travel-time isochrone (8/8).
 - 100% of road traffic collisions where the first appliance met the response standard within the travel-time isochrone. (11/11).
- 21/14.18 GM Graham reported that operational competence was at a good level with slightly lower figures for on-call BA training which was at 87.5% (where the threshold was 90%), this was due to restricted BA courses being held during the pandemic. GM Graham assured Members that he was confident that this figure would be rectified.
- 21/14.19 GM Graham reported that there have been no Coroners hearings involving fire related deaths in the BCP Group this quarter. There remain two potential fire deaths which are awaiting a Coroner's verdict, these relate to incidents in Poole Park on 5 October 2020 and Christchurch on 8 March 2021.
- 21/14.20 GM Graham updated Members on some key incidents that the BCP Group attended in quarter 4. This included 30 beach huts at Hengistbury Head being broken into and set on fire, a kitchen fire in Bournemouth which brought out crews from Redhill Park, Springbourne and Westbourne and a dishwasher fire at some student accommodation in Bournemouth.
- 21/14.21 GM Graham reported that the Service actively participates in all multi-agency and Local Resilience Forum (LRF) activities in response to the coronavirus pandemic with representation at strategic, tactical and operational levels. He confirmed there were three control of major accident hazards (COMAH) sites within the BCP area. All COMAH sites have 'in date' site-specific risk information (SSRI) which is readily available to crews through mobile data terminals, with more detailed plans available to the Flexi Duty Officers within the Resilience Direct system.

- 21/14.22 GM Graham reported that the Service had weekly meetings during the last quarter with Dorset Police where topics discussed included: the latest threat from terrorism, VIP visits, new operational guidance and training opportunities, followed by debriefs of significant incidents for shared understanding. The most significant learning points are raised nationally using the Joint Organisational Learning system.
- 21/14.23 GM Graham reported the Service had agreed to postpone Joint Emergency Services Interoperability Programme (JESIP) training with our partners as a result of national lockdowns. JESIP courses prepare Officers and crews for multi-agency response to incidents and commented that whilst transitioning out of lockdown all agencies were committed to ensuring that training restarts as a priority.
- 21/14.24 **Demand summary**
- 21/14.25 Lastly, GM Graham provided comparable year to date figures in relation to the number of fires the BCP area had attended, an increase from 934 in 2019-20 to 965 in 2020-2021; the number of incidents attended that were false alarms, a decrease from 2,366 in 2019-2020 to 2,232 in 2020-2021; and the number of special service incidents attended, a decrease from 1,199 in 2019-2020 to 944 in 2020-21.
- 21/14.26 The Chair thanked GM Graham for his presentation.
- 21/14.27 **RESOLVED: Members scrutinised and commented upon the performance for period 1 January 2021 to 31 March 2021.**
- 21/15 Matters raised by Members (agreed with the Chair)**
- 21/15.1 There were no matters raised by Members.
- 21/16 Date of Next meeting**
- 21/16.1 The Chair confirmed the date of the next BCP Local Performance and Scrutiny Committee meeting as 25 August 2021 from 10.00am.

The meeting closed at 11.07

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Initials _____