



DORSET & WILTSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

Minutes of the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Local Performance and Scrutiny Committee held on 25 May 2022, 10.00am at Poole Fire Station, Poole.

Members present:

Cllr Toby Johnson (Chair)
Cllr Steve Baron
Cllr Millie Earl
Cllr Malcolm Davies
Cllr Paul Hilliard

Officer attendance:

Director of Community Safety, Assistant Chief Fire Officer (ACFO), Andy Cole
Area Manager (AM), Darren Langdown
Group Manager (GM), Stuart Gillion
Democratic Services Officer, David Shaw
Water and Foam Officer, Ian Crabb (Open Seat)

22/11 Welcome

22/11.1 The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed Members.

22/12 Apologies

22/12.1 No apologies were received.

22/13 Code of Conduct, Declarations of Interest and Notifications of Any Other Business

22/13.1 The Chair asked the meeting for any disclosures of pecuniary interests under the Localism Act. There were no disclosures.

22/14 Public questions

22/14.1 There were no members of the public present and no public questions had been received.

- 22/14.2 **RESOLVED: Members noted there were no public questions.**
- 22/15 Review and approve minutes of the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Local Performance and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 23 February 2022**
- 22/15.1 The Chair asked Members to review and approve the minutes from the last meeting.
- 22/15.2 **RESOLVED: that the minutes be confirmed without amendment and signed by the Chair as a correct record.**
- 22/16 Action progress report**
- 22/16.1 The Democratic Services Officer reported that no actions had been taken at the meeting on 23 February 2022 and there were none outstanding from previous meetings.
- 22/16.2 **RESOLVED: Members noted that there were no actions outstanding.**
- 22/17 Performance monitoring and briefing quarter 4**
- 22/17.1 Group Manager (GM), Stuart Gillion presented to Members the Performance monitoring and briefing for quarter 4, 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](#).
- 22/17.2 **Priority 1 - Help you to make safer and healthier choices.**
- 22/17.3 In answer to Members' questions, GM Gillion confirmed that there was good feedback and engagement with primary and secondary schools when providing talks on preventing fires and other risks. Different advice was provided to reflect the differing age groups, for example with older pupils being provided with messages on the consequences of unsafe driving. Area Manager (AM), Darren Langdown added that the courses provided were designed to support the curriculum and could be targeted for individual schools.
- 22/17.4 GM Gillion drew attention to the ongoing project work with the Ministry of Defence towards road safety delivery, which had now been adopted both nationally and internationally by the military.
- 22/17.5 GM Gillion also referred to Operation Heathland and highlighted that a video had been produced for showing at local cinemas to help prevent heathland fires.

22/17.6 Priority 2 - Protect you and the environment from harm

22/17.7 In answer to Cllr Hilliard's question, GM Gillion confirmed that the Service was consulted when there were proposals to build new high-rise buildings. It was noted that new high-rise buildings would comply with the latest fire safety guidance, but they still presented risks.

22/17.8 In reply to the Chair's question, GM Gillion reported that of the four formal prohibition notices issued in the quarter, three were acted on immediately and one had been completed slightly later.

22/17.9 Assistant Chief Fire Officer (ACFO) Andy Cole reported that the Service had attended 112 automatic fire alarms in non-domestic properties in this quarter, which was a reduction of 21% on the same quarter in 2019-20. The Automatic fire alarms strategy at commercial premises across the BCP Group had delivered a 37 hour wholtime hours saved.

22/17.10 Priority 3 – Be there when you need us

22/17.11 In answer to the Chair's question, GM Gillion gave details of the work that was being undertaken by the three newly qualified firefighters in the BCP Group area.

22/17.12 Cllr Hilliard observed that major roadworks were planned for the local area and GM Gillion confirmed that the Service was pre-informed of these and gave details of how they were planned for.

22/17.13 The Chair thanked GM Gillion for his presentation.

22/17.14 **RESOLVED: Members scrutinised and noted the performance for quarter 4 2022**

22/18 Matters raised by Members (agreed with the Chair)

22/18.1 With the agreement of the Chair the Committee discussed the latest update in respect of the Canford Heath fire and the prevention and education steps that were being taken to avoid heathland fires. Fires on building sites and waste recycling facilities and the firesetter prevention work was additionally discussed. The Chair suggested that local councillors could disseminate fire prevention messages and share information in their areas. The Committee also discussed the Service's involvement in community events to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, including planning service delivery due road closures.

22/19 Date of Next meeting

22/19.1 The Chair confirmed the date of the next BCP Local Performance and Scrutiny Committee meeting as 24 August 2022 from 10.00am.

The meeting closed at 11.20

Signed: _____

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