

REPORT OF THE EAST SUSSEX FIRE AUTHORITY

Report of a meeting of the East Sussex Fire Authority held at Fire & Rescue Service Headquarters at 10.30 hours on Thursday 9 September 2010.

Present: Councillors Carden, Fawthrop, Freebody, Freeman, Harmer-Strange, Healy, Heaps, Howson, Kemble (Chairman), Kenward, Livings, Marsh, Ost, Pidgeon, Rufus, Scott, Thomas and Waite.

Also present: Mrs Redman, Chair of the Standards Panel, and Mr Wheeler, Independent Person and Member of the Standards Panel.

1. Presentation by Shona Dunn, Director of Fire and Resilience, Communities and Local Government

1.1 The Fire Authority welcomed Shona Dunn, Director of Fire and Resilience, CLG, to the meeting. She spoke about the key strategic issues facing the fire and rescue service and answered questions from Members.

1.2 The main issues covered were:

- a) FireLink
- b) FiReControl
- c) Implications for the Service arising from the latest
- d) The government fire service agenda in the context of localism and central facilitation rather than direction
- e) Integrated Risk Management Planning
- f) New Burdens funding
- g) The Strategic Review of the Fire Service – sector driven approach
- h) National policy formulation and assessment

2. Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring 2010/11

2.1 The Fire Authority has considered a report on the revenue and capital budget monitoring for 2010/11. Currently, there was a small projected underspend on the Revenue Budget for 2010/11 of £193,000. It was anticipated that the Capital Programme would underspend by £77,000 which related to three projects.

2.2 Preparations were in hand for medium term financial planning that was dependant on the outcome of the latest Comprehensive Spending Review/Local Government Finance Settlement.

3. 2009/10 Performance Outcomes

3.1 Members considered the 2009/10 performance outcomes (full details are available on the website at www.esfrs.org). Continuing to build upon achievements made in previous years, in 2009/10, 94% of the Best Value

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Performance Indicators (BVPs) met the improvement targets compared to 63% in 2008/09.

3.2 The Fire Authority had also set long-range targets for some indicators to align with the two national targets of a 20% reduction in deaths in dwelling fires and a 10% reduction in deliberate fires by 2010. The following table presents the actual results against the Fire Authority's 10 year targets and the two national indicators. As can be seen from the table, the Fire Authority has achieved remarkable reductions in its long-range targets.

Performance Indicator	200/01 Base- line	2009/10 year end result	10 year target	Achievement against target
142 All fire calls attended	4,627	2,757	20% reduction	40% reduction
NI 49a No of primary fires attended per 100,000 population	2,933	1,583	40% reduction	46% reduction
NI 33 No of deliberate primary fires per 10,000 population	3,403	1,375	10% National target	60% reduction
142 No of accidental fires in dwellings attended per 10,000 dwellings	867	562	40% reduction	35% reduction
143 No of deaths arising from accidental fires in dwellings per 100,000 population	4.6	3.6	20% National target	22% reduction *
143 No of injuries (excl. precautionary checks) arising from accidental fires in dwellings per 100,000 population	86	49	20% reduction	43% reduction

* This figure is based on the 11 year average from 1999/2000

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3.3 The Fire Authority's 2009/10 Annual Plan covered 3 Strategic Aims on an objective-by-objective basis. The aims were supported by 9 strategic objectives that ensure the whole organisation worked towards the overall vision of 'Achieving safer and more sustainable communities'. A summary of the outturn performance indicators in relation to the strategic objectives is shown below:

Indicator Group	Indicators where target has been met	Indicators where target has not been met
Priority Areas (Best Value Performance Indicators) (BVPIs)	13 (93%)	1 (7%)
Non-priority areas (BVPIs)	19 (95%)	1 (5%)
All BVPIs (Sum of priority areas & non-priority areas above)	32 (94%)	2 (6%)
Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) Standard	4 (80%)	1(20%)
Local Indicators	15 (83%)	3(17%)
All Indicators (sum of BVPIs, IRMP Standard & Local Indicators)	19 (83%)	4 (17%)

3.4 The Fire Authority has noted the position.

Councillor Ted Kemble
Chairman of East Sussex Fire Authority

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