

Item 9

ANNUAL REPORT FROM SURREY FIRE AND RESCUE

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S
LOCAL COMMITTEE (SURREY HEATH)**

8th December 2005

KEY ISSUE:

To update Members on the work of Surrey Fire and Rescue in Surrey Heath and bring the Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan to Members' attention.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Local Committee in Surrey Heath:

1. Notes the performance of the Service within the Surrey Heath Area
2. Supports the achievement of the Retained duty personnel at **Chobham** Fire Station and acknowledge the availability offered by employers who release staff, and those who are self-employed.
3. Notes and comments on the accompanying Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan Third addition which includes 'The Fire & Rescue 2020 Vision for a Safer Surrey'.

INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND

1. The attached Performance Indicators (PI's) (Annex A) highlight the aggregated performance of individual Fire Stations strategically positioned within the geographical area of Surrey Heath. This report reflects selected Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPI's) the Service is required to report upon annually. This reporting reflects the position up to the end of September in this financial year.
2. There is also, where appropriate, an indication of comparison with overall County performance and the National position of Surrey Fire & Rescue Service (The Service).
3. The Committee are asked to note that the Service operates on a County basis for provision and management of the Service.

ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY

4. Surrey Fire and Rescue Service, on behalf of the fire authority, have produced the Integrated Risk Management Plan Third Edition, which examines how we can make communities in Surrey even safer. This is attached as Annex B.
5. Through prevention and protection we will advise businesses to conform to fire safety legislation and carry out safety activities in local schools and the community. The aim is to encourage people to change their behaviour and reduce the risk of emergency incidents occurring. However, accidents happen and we need to ensure we are able to respond when required through intervention.

6. The Committee are asked to note the following:
 - Surrey Heath continues to be one of the Safest boroughs in one of the safest Counties in terms of dwelling Fires.
 - Borough performance is in need of remedial measures in two of the six BVPI'S in this report
 - 206i + 206iii Number of deliberate fires (excluding deliberate fires in vehicles).
 - 146ii Number of calls to malicious false alarms
 - Partnerships are being developed with increased Schools visits to raise awareness of the impacts of Deliberate Fire setting and Arson.
 - Action is being taken to reduce the number of calls to malicious false alarms most of which are generated from one particular premises.

7. The following indicators have been included in
 - 1.1. 142i Number of calls to fire attended: - total calls (excluding false alarms).

 - 1.2. 146ii Number of calls to malicious false alarms.

 - 1.3. 149i Number of false alarms caused by automatic fire detection equipment.

 - 1.4. 149ii Number of those properties with more than one attendance.

 - 1.5. 206i + 206iii Number of deliberate fires (excluding deliberate fires in vehicles).

 - 1.6. 206ii +206iv Number of deliberate fires in vehicles

8. The Committee continue to endorse and support all, or any, of the following initiatives to reduce the potential number of fires and their tragic effects within its area:
 - (a) That the committee continue to exert influence on local planning arrangements to promote the use of residential and non-residential sprinklers. The service will support members by providing where necessary promotion material on the use of residential sprinklers for housing associations, Housing Directors and other influential groups.

 - (b) Support the arrangements for the provision of smoke detectors for those within the local community who have been identified as vulnerable persons who have not yet had the opportunity of purchasing or fitting this potential life saving device.

 - (c) Support the local joint arrangements that reduce deliberate fire setting and the crime of arson.

 - (d) Continue to encourage other agencies within the local team arrangements to advise the Service of any fire safety problems through their day-to-day contact with the community. (e.g. home care assistants etc)

 - (e) Continue to support youth educational objectives within the nursery and schools network, inclusive of parents to endorse fire safety messages.

- (f) Encourage fuller networking between departments reporting to this committee to encourage social cohesion.

CONSULTATION

9. The Committee may wish to consult with the County Council's planning department and Borough Planning Authority to promote the use of domestic sprinklers.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. None.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

11. All of the above initiatives, if successfully implemented, continue to support the principles of sustainable development of the community as a whole.

CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

12. The link between the rise in anti-social behaviour and deliberate fire setting/arson is proven and any decrease in the former will influence the latter

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

13. The success of any of the above initiatives could have a direct effect on certain groups in the community who will be those most at risk or who come from a background of disenfranchisement and/or under representation.

It is recommended that:

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BACKGROUND PAPERS:

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Draft Summary for Consultation Integrated Risk Management Plan Third Edition
'The Fire & Rescue 2020 Vision for a Safer Surrey'