

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (RUNNYMEDE)

DATE: 28 NOVEMBER 2016



**LEAD OFFICER: JOHN COOPER, RUNNYMEDE BOROUGH COMMANDER
SURREY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

**SUBJECT: SURREY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT
2015/16**

DIVISION: ALL RUNNYMEDE DIVISIONS

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

The report outlines the major strands of activity undertaken within Runnymede area by the Surrey Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) teams based at Chertsey and Egham Fire Stations during 2015/16. It contains information on the various activities undertaken by the Borough teams to reduce the risk from fire, water and road traffic incidents to the residents of Runnymede Borough, including direct contact, public education programmes and campaigns.

The report is for information only.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Runnymede) is asked to:

- (i) Recognise the achievements of the Borough teams within Runnymede borough and support their commitment to further improve initiatives to reduce risk and make Runnymede safer.
- (ii) Recognise the collaborative work undertaken by SFRS within the Borough for co-responding with South East Coast Ambulance Service (SECamb), gaining entry at incidents to free up Police time and resources, and assisting Police in the search for high risk missing persons.
- (iii) Note the targets and initiatives set within the Runnymede Borough Plan for 2015/16

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

SFRS dedicate a great deal of time to supporting the safety of residents of Runnymede. It is important to appreciate that the requirement for, and themes of initiatives will change to meet identified needs within the community throughout the year for which continued support throughout the year is essential to allow maximum effect.

The collaboration project has been recognised by the national Improvement and Efficiency Social Enterprise award 2016 where it received the Gold 'working together' award. The project has also been shortlisted for an Award under the Guardian Public Sector Awards for the Transforming Learning and Development category (Nov 2016).

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

1.1 Surrey Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) report annually to the Runnymede Local Committee. The annual data report for 2015/16 is appended as **Appendix 1.**

1.2 SFRS as part of The Emergency Services Collaboration Programme with Surrey and Sussex Police, East and West Sussex Fire and Rescue and South East Coast Ambulance, are working on a range of outcome focused projects with the joint aims of:

- Sustainably improving service to the public
- Reducing costs and increasing resilience
- Reducing overlap in service provision
- Responding to the changing patterns in demand.

Collaboration with the ambulance service aims to improve the chances of survival from sudden cardiac arrest and reduction of the impact of illness and injury to the public through early intervention by fire service responders.

Collaboration with Surrey Police aims to provide the mechanism of gaining entry at certain incidents and attending minor road traffic collisions which will free up Police response for other calls.

2. ANALYSIS

2.1. SFRS key performance data within Runnymede Borough is provided in Appendix 1. It should be noted that the Borough targets are calculated as a 5 year average.

2.2. The report shows that Runnymede has achieved the majority of targets throughout the year, and in particular has achieved a decrease in the percentage of fires attended in dwellings with no smoke detection fitted. It is evident that there is a link between accidental dwelling fires, smoke detection ownership and injuries sustained. A greater emphasis on targeted Safe and Well visits (formerly Home Fire Safety Visits) will be placed on teams using shared data on the most vulnerable of our residents. Currently a target of over 60% is expected for our crews to reach vulnerable people and the most at risk from fire in our communities. SFRS will work closely with Adult and Social Care teams to ensure the following are targeted.

- Adults over the age of 65 (worse at 75)
- Individuals who live alone
- Individuals with mental health illnesses, including dementia & memory loss
- Individuals with disability and mobility difficulties
- Individuals who are either alcohol or drug dependant
- Individuals who smoke (the above will be compounded if coupled with smoking)

- 2.3. There is a noted increase in malicious false alarms attended. Incidents are monitored throughout the year. No repeat offenders or patterns have been identified within the borough. The Borough Command team will continue to monitor.
- 2.4. It is positive to note the indicators are that, of the 36 accidental dwelling fires which occurred, 91% of them were contained to the room of origin. This equates to 33 properties where direct rapid intervention by SFRS fire-fighters contributed to preventing the spread of the fire and further loss and damage to properties.
- 2.5. The levels reported for the co-responding trial and Gaining Entry in the borough do not have targets and it should be noted that the commencement of the co-responding trial was upon completion of extensive arrangements providing Immediate Emergency Care Responder Training (IECR) and equipping each front line vehicle with a trauma bag and defibrillator. (Defibrillators are also at all fire stations in the county)

The trial commenced on 23 September 2015.

3. OPTIONS:

- 3.1 This report is for information.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

- 4.1 The internal management team of Surrey Fire and Rescue are consulted on the Runnymede Borough Plan.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 The majority of work is undertaken within mainstream resources.
- 5.2 Collaboration work is via Fire and Rescue Authority Transformation Fund.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT:

- 6.1 Surrey Fire and Rescue Service aim to minimise risk to the population within all areas of their role. This report is for information.

7. LOCALISM:

- 7.1 SFRS will continue to analyse historical data and work with partner agencies to identify areas of vulnerable people, carrying out Safe and Well visits with the aim of reducing fires and increasing awareness of actions to take in the event of fire.
- 7.2 We will continue to work with community leaders and partners to improve our awareness of cultural needs, improving partnership working and increasing the use of the SFRS volunteer service.
- 7.2 We will continue to attend and contribute to the Runnymede JAG terms of reference to address community safety issues within our remit.

8. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

6.1 SFRS will always support the Equalities Act 2010

9. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	No significant implications arising from this report
Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)	No significant implications arising from this report
Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children	No significant implications arising from this report
Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults	No significant implications arising from this report
Public Health	No significant implications arising from this report
Human Resource/Training and Development	No significant implications arising from this report

10. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

10.1 There has been continued positive work by the Surrey Fire and Rescue Service in Runnymede. The Local Committee are asked to:

- (i) Note that future targets for the Borough where applicable will continue to be calculated by applying the five-year average percentage for each Borough to the service target.
- (ii) Recognise the achievements of SFRS teams within Runnymede Borough for 2015-16 and support their commitment to further reduce risk going forward to make Runnymede Borough safer through analysis of historical data and local knowledge identifying areas, groups and individuals who may be more vulnerable to risk of fire.

11. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

11.1 Surrey Fire and Rescue Service will continue to keep members regularly updated on future progress, and will attend/report on related matters at JAG meetings.

11.2 Members are asked to support the Borough Plan for 2016/17.

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Annexes:

End of year report 2015/6 - Appendix 1

Sources/background papers:

- Service Delivery Report- March 2016- Surrey Fire & Rescue
 - Chertsey Station Plan
 - Egham Station Plan.
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