

Minutes

Full Authority

Date: 12 July 2024

Time: 11:30

Venue: Dewsbury Town Hall

Present:

Cllr F Shaheen (in the chair), Cllrs B Addy, I Ahmed, A Ali, L Buckley, E Carlisle, R Dickenson, R Downes, D Hall, T Hinchcliffe, C Keith, A Parnham, M Pollard, T Salam, U Sutcliffe and R Wood.

Apologies:

Cllrs J Bryan, K Bruce, C Burke, D O'Donovan, K Renshaw and S Tulley

1. Chairs Announcements

The Monitoring Officer requested nomination of a member to act as chair for the meeting due receipt of apologies from the Chair and the Vice Chair.

Resolved

That Cllr Shaheen act as Chair for the meeting

2. Admission of the public

There were no items requiring the exclusion of the press or public

3. Urgent items

There were no urgent items

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest in any matter under discussion at the meeting

5. Minutes of Meeting held on 27 June 2024

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 June 2024 be signed by the Chair as a correct record

6. Matters arising

There were no matters arising

7. Your Fire & Rescue Service 2025/28 Consultation & Engagement Plan

Members considered a report from the Director of Service Support which provided an overview of the Consultation and Engagement Plan which will support the development of 'Your Fire & Rescue Service 2025/28'.

Members challenged the report author on how the consultation would be presented in order to reach underrepresented groups and if there were any plans to review the progress made in this area post consultation. Members were further interested to learn about local businesses, external partners and stakeholders and their classification. Members requested and were given, information regarding the task and finish group, the timeline for the consultation and the post consultation review. Members welcomed the robust consultation process.

Resolved

Members approve the external pre-consultation and engagement phase which is to commence on 15 July 2024.

8. Committee Membership

The Monitoring Officer submitted a report which confirmed the membership and political balance of the Authority and gave details of the committee seat allocations for 2024/5.

Resolved

That the Authority membership for 2024/25 be noted.

9. Corporate Health Report 2023/24

The Head of Corporate Services provided a report which gave Members an annual update relating to the corporate health of the Authority.

Members challenged the report author on the following items included in the report;

- Incidents whilst driving and how these are investigated, including the inability to get to incidents due to parked vehicles.
- Out of uniform complaints
- If there had been any complaints against the Service arising from the increased pressures on landlords following the Grenfell reports.
- Written off debt
- The need to focus efforts on achieving a more diverse workforce

Members were advised the Say So system is due to be relaunched on a new and improved platform which will be able to analyse the data better and monitor any emerging trends.

Members recognised the excellent work done to achieve the compliance plus ratings and were pleased to see the number of compliments received and welcomed the confirmation that all complaints are investigated fully and the outcomes acted upon.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

10. Programme of Change Update

Members considered a report of the Director of Service Support which provided an update on the Programme of Change 2023/24 and gave details of the Programme of Change 2024/25.

Members discussed with the report author the reasons for the delays with the Keighley and Halifax Fire Station redevelopments.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

11. Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) - Annual Review and Update

The Director of Service Support provided a report which gave Members an update following the annual internal review of WYFRS Community Risk Management Plan (Your Fire & Rescue Service 2022/25) which is subject to some minor amendments to ensure the information is current and up to date. Members were advised the formal consultation and re launch is on a three yearly cycle.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

Chair