

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

of the

Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority

21st April 2005

**PRESENT: Councillor Ted Grannell, Chair;
Councillor Vera Best, Jack Colbert,
John George, Jimmy Mahon, Tommy Mann (as
alternate for Peter Johnson) and Isabel Moon**

**Apologies for absence were received from
Committee Member Councillor Peter Johnson
and also from Councillors Newman and Byrom**

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Members and Officers stood to observe a silence
as a mark of respect following the sudden deaths
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Councillor George Howard**

111. Preliminary Matters

The Authority noted there were no declarations of interest, matters of urgency or items that require the exclusion of the press and public.

112. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolved that the proceedings of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 10th March 2005 be approved as a correct record and for signature by the Chair of the Committee.

**113. Beacon Peer Support Award “ Services to Older People”.
Collaboration with London and Cleveland Fire and Rescue Services –
Quarterly Progress Report
(CFO/73/05)**

The Committee considered Report CFO/73/05 of the Chief Fire Officer concerning the current status of the Beacon Peer Support Collaboration Project.

Resolved that the content of the report and in particular the following matters be noted –

- a) the duration of the Project and the milestones achieved and planned;
- b) the reporting protocols of the Project Board/Project Team;
- c) the first full exchange visit, content and outcomes;
- d) the initial deliverables to be achieved as a result of the peer support project (In principle until all Fire and Rescue Services have verified that initiatives such as Hotspot Campaigns/60's + Presentations, are viable in respective organisations).

**114. Visit to Fire Department New York by MF&RS Service Chaplain
(CFO/76/05)**

The Committee considered and noted the contents of Report CFO/76/05 of the Chief Fire Officer and the supporting comments made to the meeting by the Service Chaplain concerning the outcome of his visit to the Fire Department in New York City.

**115. Roy Castle Partnership
(CFO/77/05)**

The Committee considered Report CFO/77/05 of the Chief Fire Officer concerning progress and development of the partnership of the Service with the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation.

Resolved that –

- a) the launch of the partnership in August 2004 and the content of the mid term evaluation report completed in March 2005, as appended to Report CFO/77/05, be noted; and

- b) the support of elected Members for the partnership be placed on record and wherever possible they be involved in promoting the development of the partnership theme both regionally and nationally.

**116. ISS ARK and General
(CFO/78/05)**

The Committee considered Report CFO/78/05 of the Chief Fire Officer concerning progress of the partnership with the salvage and recovery company "ISS ARK and General" following the completion of the twelve month trial of the partnership.

Resolved that –

- A) in line with the Integrated Risk Management Plan on Business Continuity the partnership be supported and Members wherever possible seek to promote the partnership; and
- B) it be noted that at the conclusion of the present trial it is intended to compete for the provision of services and enter into a longer term contract.

**117. Partnership Working Firefighters in Schools
(CFO/79/05)**

The Committee considered –

- 1) Report CFO/79/05 of the Chief Fire Officer concerning the progress of the Parklands Embedded Firefighter Initiative to pilot proposals to reduce violence directed towards firefighters and to curb anti-social behaviour fires;
- 2) the comments of the embedded firefighter on the many positive experiences that had arisen during a successful pilot period; and
- 2) the request of the embedded firefighter for Member assistance in contacting the local education authority with regard to the school curriculum.

Resolved that –

- A) the further development of the initiative be supported by approving the expansion to five additional schools and the schools be identified using an assessment of risk;

- B) it be noted that Councillor Best has kindly offered to act as a liaison between the embedded firefighter and the education authority in Liverpool; and
- C) a further update on progress be made to Members at the appropriate time.

**118. Low Cost Domestic Sprinklers
(CFO/80/05)**

The Committee considered Report CFO/80/05 of the Chief Fire Officer concerning the participation of the Service in the current Office of the Deputy Prime Minister sponsored feasibility study into low cost domestic sprinkler systems being conducted by the Fire Protection Association.

Resolved that –

- A) it be noted that an Officer has been seconded to assist the Fire Protection Association in the successful completion of the Project; and
- B) the recommendations of the Fire Protection Association research report be supported and wherever possible be promoted by Members.

**119. Arson Task Force Progress
(CFO/81/05)**

The Committee considered Report CFO/81/05 of the Chief Fire Officer concerning progress of the Arson Task Force.

Resolved that the content of the report and in particular the possible long term funding issues and the need to raise the awareness of constituent district councils on the issues, be noted.

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