



# Minutes

## Community Safety Committee

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Date: 03 April 2020

Time: 10.30 am

Venue: Teleconference

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Present: Councillor G Almas (in the chair), R Grahame (as substitute for Councillor T Austin), D Hall, D Jenkins, D Kirton, D O'Donovan (as substitute for Councillor M Akhtar), M Pollard, K Renshaw and A Tait

In Attendance: None

Apologies: Councillors T Austin, M Akhtar and Pervaiz

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### **34 Minutes of the last meeting**

#### **RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the last meeting held on 24 January 20120 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

### **35 Urgent items**

None.

### **36 Admission of the public**

There were no items which required the exclusion of the public and press.

### **37 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest made in any matter under consideration at the meeting.

## **38 District Priorities 2020 - 21**

Members were invited to approve the District Priorities for 2020 – 21 which set out the strategic objectives and actions for each District in support of the approved Your Fire and Rescue Service Priorities document.

Members raised the following specific issues;

- Station assurance visit programme – this had been omitted from the Calderdale objectives in error. Members were advised that the programme involved a visit being made to each station in each of the five Districts to monitor the following;
  - Prevention work in local communities and inter-agency referral at a local level
  - Local risk profile and risk assessments
  - Fire protection work for commercial properties
  - Practical firefighting skills and assessment of training and tactics for specific station area risks
- Response to COVID19 and mutual aid
- Safe and Well visits – it was reported that these were currently being done by telephone to protect both the relevant individuals and West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service staff. Members were reassured that smoke detectors were still being fitted where required
- Commercial premises protection arrangements – it was reported that these had been scaled back due to the closure of many premises across the County in response to COVID19. External monitoring visits were still being undertaken.
- Visibility in the community – it was reported that the main priority was to protect operational staff and the ability of the Service to respond to emergencies
- Staff safety measures

It was reported that the individual station action plans would be discussed with local Members on a frequent basis together with local staff and Watches.

### **RESOLVED**

That the District Priorities 2020 – 21 be approved.

## **39 Area Manager Chris Kirby**

Following the advice that AM Chris Kirby would be moving to South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service as Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Members wished to formally record their thanks for his work and commitment to West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service and wished him well in his future role.

Chair