

Minutes

Community Safety Committee

Date: 11 April 2025

Time: 10:30

Venue: FSHQ

Present:

Councillor Keith (in the chair) Councillors, Ali, Burke, Butt, Hall, Renshaw (as substitute for Cllr Wood) and Sutcliffe

Apologies:

Councillors Ahmed, Bruce, Bryan, Dickenson and Wood

28.Minutes of the last meeting held on 24 January 2025

Resolved

That the Minutes of the last meeting held on 24 January 2025 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

29.Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

30.Urgent items

There were no urgent items

31.Admission of the public

There were no items requiring exclusion of the press or public

32.Declarations of interest

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

33. Performance Against Response Indicators

The Director of Service Delivery presented a report detailing the performance against the performance outcome targets covering the period 1 April 2024 to 17 March 2025

Members discussed the efforts being employed to reduce the Non Fires category, for example Road Traffic Collisions (RTCs), which include the blue tooth system introduced in Leeds and Wakefield to monitor average speeds on some roads, the work being done by WYFRS with Vision Zero, the introduction of dash cams to appliances and the focus of attention on areas where WYFRS have attended RTCs. Members further noted that where the Service has been requested to effect entry, this may result in the inclusion of a fatality in the statistics.

Members further discussed secure accommodation fires and were pleased to learn of the work being done with the institutions and the educational programmes put in place with the offenders.

Finally, Members discussed the Community Risk Management Programme (CRMP) which looks at new and emerging risks including population changes, Battery Energy Storage Sites (BESS).

Resolved

That the report be noted

34. Safeguarding Annual Report

The Director of Service Delivery presented a report informing Members of the safeguarding activity undertaken in 2024. Members were informed there were 225 Cause for Concern forms submitted in the period and 162 of these concerns were identified as requiring action under the WYFRS Safeguarding Procedure.

Members challenged the variance of figures across the districts, the average response times and the referral processes.

Resolved

That the report be noted

35. Risk Based Inspection Programme Annual Report

The Director of Service Delivery presented a report updating Members on work of the Fire Protection Team to develop the new Risk Based Interventions Programme (RBIP) (previously known as the Risk Based Inspection Programme).

Members were advised that the preliminary national guidance, which was published in 2021, has now been formally published as confirmed guidance in February 2025. This guidance will be fully reviewed and the RBIP will be brought to the next meeting of the Community Safety Committee.

Resolved

That the report be noted

36.Arson Convictions 2024/25

Members considered a report of the Director of Service Delivery which provided an update on the arson convictions for the 2024/25 period.

Resolved

That the report be noted

37.Spotlight On Case Studies

Members considered a report of the Director of Service Delivery which provided examples and updates on the following areas of work which are being undertaken to meet the needs of the communities of West Yorkshire in the delivery of prevention, protection and response activity

- a) Bradford – Bradford City Fire 40th Anniversary
- b) Calderdale – Multi Agency Safe and Well Engagement
- c) Kirklees – First on Scene Safety Training
- d) Leeds – Big Sister Programme
- e) Wakefield – Working with the Community to Improve Safety
- f) Youth Interventions Team – FireWork

It was emphasised that the Spotlight Ons are just examples of initiatives going on across all Districts all the time and new initiatives are rolled out across the whole Service.

Members noted the Spotlight On reports and received them positively. Members noted the good improvements made across the board for stadiums following the Bradford City Fire and were advised that the Youth Intervention Team (YIT) were available to attend a variety of events and are very flexible according to demand.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

Chair