

<p>Minutes of the Audit and Performance Committee</p>

29th November 2010, at 1.00 pm
at Fire Service Headquarters, Birmingham

Present: Councillor Turner (Chair);
Councillor Docker and Mr Ager (Independent Member).

Also Present: Councillor Douglas-Maul (Lead Member Performance Management.)

Apology: Councillor A Hill.

40/10 **Minutes**

The Committee received the minutes of its meeting held on 11th October, 2010.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th October, 2010 be approved as a correct record.

41/10 **Analysis of Progress of Corporate Performance Against 'The Plan' – Quarter Two 2010/2011**

The Committee noted performance against key indicators and progress made in delivery of objectives contained within 'The Plan' for the second quarter of 2010/2011.

The Service was improving and meeting targets across a range of indicators. However, there were three areas where performance was below target:-

- Accidental dwelling fires.
- False alarm calls due to automatic false alarms.
- Accidental and arson fires in dwellings.

Members asked whether the forthcoming budget reductions would impact on the number of Home Fire Safety Checks (HFSCs). The Deputy Chief Fire Officer was confident that the number of HFSCs would not decrease as they were carried out by operational staff and there were no plans to cut front-line services. The costs of the fire alarms themselves was currently met by the Service, however,

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opportunities for future funding assistance would be explored with other organisations, e.g. the health and housing sectors, since they benefited financially from the presence of working smoke alarms in properties that experienced a fire. Members suggested that local authority neighbourhood fora could be targeted.

42/10 **Update on Topical, Legal and Regulatory Issues**

There were no updates.

43/10 **Work Programme 2010/11**

The Committee noted its work programme for 2010/2011

(The meeting ended at 1.32 pm)

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