

Minutes of the Collaboration and Transformation Committee

25 April 2022

Conducted as a public meeting at Headquarters and digitally via Microsoft Teams

Present: Councillor Dehar (Chair), Councillor Kirat Singh (Vice-Chair), Councillor Hogarth.

Virtual: Councillor Locke, Councillor Miks, Simon Brake, Richard Castello

Officers: Phil Fellows, Stephen Timmington, Tom Embury, Kirsty Tuffin.

Please note: The meeting was not quorate and was discussion only.

01/22 **Apologies**

No apologies for absence were received.

02/22 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest received.

03/23 **Minutes of the Collaboration and Transformation Committee held on 06 December 2021**

Resolved:

1. That the Minutes of the Collaboration and Transformation Committee held on 06 December 2021 were approved as a correct record of proceedings.

04/22 **Collaboration and Transformation Committee 2022-2023**

Tom Embury, Deputy Clerk to the Authority and Phil Fellows, Team Manager - Strategy and Risk, presented the Collaboration and Transformation Committee 2022-2023 Report that provided an update on Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) and outlined suggested proposals for priorities

for the Collaboration and Transformation Committee for 2022-2023.

The Committee were advised that as part of the inspection, the Chief Fire Officer delivered the Strategic Briefing to the Lead Inspector and their team on 23 March 2022, that focused upon West Midlands Fire Service (WMFS) transformation journey, aligned with the revised Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) objectives.

As per appendix 1 of the report, the Committee were advised that alongside time spent with inspectors on CRMP, external research had been conducted through a specialist Strategic Group who had determined the 6 CRMP objectives:

1. Emerging Risks
2. Risk Based Crewing
3. Automatic Fire Alarms
4. Blended Fleet
5. Reducing Health Inequalities
6. Dynamic Mobilising

The Committee were advised, as per appendix 1 of the report, that following Fire Authority approval on Monday 14 February 2022 of the Strategic Priorities, WMFS were collaborating with Local Authorities and other Blue Light organisations to improve services and reduce the number of incidents. Safe and Wells had developed through the pandemic with a blended approach of face-to-face and conducted remotely through the Tymly platform. As part of the Protection strategy, Safe and Strong visits had been delivered with businesses and had clear audit processes in place.

8532 Safe and Strong contacts had been made and 833 Audits by the Fire Safety Inspectorate, since January 2021. The legal case management since November 2018 had been:

- 15 cases
- 29 Defendants
- 7 fines
- 2 suspended sentences

- 2 immediate custody

Following questions, it was agreed that further details on the legal cases could be brought to the Committee and an update on the review of the Safe and Wells by the Scrutiny Committee at the next Committee meeting.

Tom Embury advised the Committee of the areas for consideration for the Collaboration and Transformation Forward Plan, as per the report. Following concerns raised regarding ambulance services and the desire to assist them where possible, it was agreed that the committee would consider fire-ambulance collaboration under the Health and Social Care aspect in future meetings. It was agreed that a report on the Ambulance Service, Police and WMFS collaboration that included the Blue Light collaboration work of other Fire Services would be brought to the next Committee meeting. It was agreed that Environmental Sustainability and Serious Violence Duty Report would also be included on the Forward Plan.

Resolved:

1. That it be agreed that Committee Members note the content of the recent strategic briefing to Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) as it relates to Collaboration and Transformation.
2. That it be agreed that Committee Members consider areas of focus for a 2022/23 Collaboration and Transformation Committee Forward Plan.
3. That it be agreed that further details on the legal cases would be brought to the Committee.
4. That it be agreed that an update on the review of Safe and Wells by the Scrutiny Committee, be brought to the Committee.
5. That it be agreed that collaboration with the ambulance service would be looked into under the Health and Social Care aspect in future meetings.
6. That it be agreed that a report on the collaboration work with the Ambulance Service, Police and WMFS, that included the Blue Light collaboration work of other Fire

Services would be brought to the next Committee meeting.

7. It was agreed that Environmental Sustainability and Serious Violence Duty Report would be included on the Forward Plan.

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Collaboration and Transformation Work Plan 2021-2022

Tom Embury, Deputy Clerk to the Authority, presented the Collaboration and Transformation Work Plan 2021-2022 that outlined the planned agenda items for future Collaboration and Transformation Committee meetings that align with the Committees Terms of Reference.

The Committee were advised that the White Paper had not been published so no further update had been available and deferred to the next Committee meeting. There had been no further information available on the Health Inequalities and Digital Update therefore, had been deferred to the next Committee meeting. The additions agreed, as per agenda item 4, would be added to the Work Programme in readiness for the next Collaboration and Transformation Committee.

Resolved:

1. That it be agreed that the Collaboration and Transformation Work Plan 2021-2022 be noted.

The meeting finished at 13:40 hours.

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