



Minutes

Members Present:

Mr J Campion (Chair), Mrs L Duffy, Mr J Goodwin, Mrs F Oborski,
Mr K Taylor and Mr G Yarranton (Vice-Chair).

1. Apologies for Absence

Mr R Udall

2. Named Substitutes

None.

3. Declaration of Interests (if any)

The Chairman invited any Member to declare an interest in any of the items on this Agenda and no interests were declared.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Best Value, Policy and Performance Committee held on 3 June 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5. Performance 2010/11 Quarter 1 Analysis

The Deputy Chief Fire Officer told the Committee that the analysis showed the lowest number of incidents attended over the same quarter for the last 5 years. The total number of incidents attended decreased from 2064 in Quarter 1 2009-10 to 1970 in Quarter 1 2010-11, down almost 5%.

This was due to decreases in the number of special service incidents and false alarms attended. The number of fires attended increased from 707 in Quarter 1 2009-10 to 736 in Quarter 1 2010-11, (+4.1%) due to an increase in accidental secondary fires, which probably arose from the hot and dry conditions which prevailed from April to June.

The Committee heard that overall the Service was performing well in relation to its performance indicators, corporate objectives and corporate projects. The Meeting considered the exceptions over the Quarter which the analysis identified, including the following:

- There was 1 death in an accidental dwelling fire in the Quarter; the Members noted that the Service carried out a thorough investigation of all fire deaths.
- There were 7 injuries resulting from accidental dwelling fires and 4 of these injuries happened at one incident – the Meeting heard that the Service also proposed to investigate all incidents attended where injuries resulted from fire.

- There was a high concentration of incidents in the Redditch area and the Service is working with its Partners in the area and the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership to address these issues. It was expected that this work would be reflected in future analysis.
- There was a welcome decrease in the number of callouts to false alarms from automated fire alarms.
- Reduced recruitment rates were curbing the ability of the service to reach targets for the number of women firefighters and recruitment from black and ethnic minority communities.
- The Service was responsible for 18,000 fire hydrants and was experiencing delays in testing and inspecting them; due to budgetary concerns, a cost-effective solution was being sought.

RESOLVED *that the report be noted.*

The Meeting ended at 11.56 am.

Signed:.....

Date:.....

Chairman