

THAMES VALLEY FIRE CONTROL SERVICE



SUBJECT	TVFCS WORKSHOP – MARCH 2023
PRESENTED TO:	TVFCS JOINT COMMITTEE
DATE OF MEETING	17 JULY 2023
LEAD OFFICER	AREA MANAGER GABBY HEYCOCK
EXEMPT INFORMATION	NONE
ACTION	DECISION

1. **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This paper provides a summary of the discussions at the workshop held in March 2023 and provides an update on the actions that arose.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

That the TVFCS Joint Committee:

- 2.1 **AGREE to hold three formal meetings and one workshop as the meeting format going forward.**
- 2.2 **NOTE that progress has been made to secure the resource. After the completion of the individual FRS approval, a job description and job evaluation, the post is currently out for recruitment.**

3. **REPORT**

- 3.1 During the workshop held on 20 March 2023, the maturity of TVFCS and the governance were both discussed with regard to the best approach going forward. The existing arrangements were for two formal meetings and, two workshops to be held each year. A proposal was suggested that the

Committee move to three formal meetings with one workshop with the aim to focus on decision making and to support officers with decision making.

- 3.2 The fact that TVFCS had acted as the catalyst for a Thames Valley approach to Industrial Action planning was discussed. The resilient position of TVFCS was recognised and some of the wider FRS resilience arrangements are being progressed through debriefs and shared learning.
- 3.3 Offices raised an issue around payment of capital expenditure in relation to the Vision Tech refresh. The Inter Authority Agreement (IAA) stipulates that Capex may only be expended in the relevant year the spend was profiled; however, due to a number of complicating factors this will not be possible. Members discussed that it should be possible, by agreement, to navigate this element of the IAA and Officers would bring a paper for decision to the July Meeting. A paper has been submitted for the meeting.
- 3.4 During a discussion about risk management at the workshop, a proposal was put forward for an increase in capacity to be directed at some chronic risks and to deal with emerging workloads such as the Control fire standard and the National Operational Guidance relating to fire control. It was agreed that this was an operational matter and the discretionary finance available to Chief Fire Officers was an appropriate route to secure the resource.

4. COMPLIANCE WITH THE TVFCS PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

- 4.1 This paper complies with the partnership agreement.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The additional resource to deal with chronic risks and emerging pressures is being funded through the CFO's discretionary funding.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 None identified

7. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 None identified

8. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The additional resource covered in this report is a control measure for some

of the chronic risks within the risk register. The expectation is that we will see a reduction in risk scoring as a result of the control measure being introduced.

10. PRINCIPAL CONSULTATION

10.1 TVFC Joint Committee

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

11.1 None

12. APPENDICES

12.1 None

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