

# THAMES VALLEY FIRE CONTROL SERVICE



<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	<b>OUTPUTS FROM TVFCS JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERS WORKSHOP – 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2020</b>
<b>PRESENTED TO:</b>	<b>JOINT COMMITTEE</b>
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	<b>21 SEPTEMBER 2020</b>
<b>OFFICER PRESENTING REPORT:</b>	<b>AC DAVE NORRIS</b>

## **1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY OF REPORT**

To record the agreed outputs from the Joint Committee members workshop held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020

## **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Joint Committee:-

**AGREE** the contents of the report as an accurate record of the business conducted at the workshop.

## **3 BACKGROUND AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1 On July 1<sup>st</sup> 2020, an on-line members workshop was held to consider a range of items regarding the future direction and development of the Thames Valley Fire Control Service (TVFCS)
- 3.2 The workshop was attended by Cllrs; Clarke (Chair), Heathcoat, Ross, Lambert, Gray, Cannon. CFO Thelwell, CFO Ferguson, CFO MacDougall, AC Norris, AC Powell, AC Adcock,

## **4 JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING FREQUENCY**

- 4.1 Members agreed that from December 2020, meeting frequency will move to 6 monthly formal meetings, with budget setting to take place in December and an annual report and change of chair in June/July. Member's workshops will take place in March and September which can be escalated to full meetings if required. Equally these workshops may be cancelled if they are not required.

- 4.2 The TVFCS Joint Committee Meetings scheduled for July, September and December 2020 will take place as planned.

## **5 CONTROL SYSTEM REPLACEMENT**

- 5.1 It was agreed that a copy of the presentation given by the SROs to members would be shared **(Appendix A)**
- 5.2 The recommendations contained in the Capita report expected in August will be considered first by the Senior Responsible Officers and brought to the March 2021 Members workshop for discussion.
- 5.3 The respective post-COVID financial positions of the Fire and Rescue services and Local Authorities will continue to be monitored.
- 5.4 The progress of Emergency Services Network and ESMCP implementation, and the corresponding impacts on any contract extension or procurement, will continue to be monitored.
- 5.5 Rolling extensions to the current Mobilising system arrangements, providing maximum flexibility and opportunity, will be considered and discussed by Members at future workshops.
- 5.6 It was agreed that a significant return on investment has been secured thus far and that all remain keen not to compromise this.
- 5.7 The Mobilising system replacement cycles of other FRSs will be considered, as far as possible, to avoid our Control Service being caught in a procurement 'queue'.
- 5.8 The appetite for new partners joining TVFCS will be considered.
- 5.9 The SROs expressed a view that, at this stage, they are likely to recommend to Members a 4 year extension to provide sufficient space for many of the above considerations to play-through.

## **6 BRIEFING ON MAJOR INQUIRIES**

- 6.1 Members agreed that they are content with the current major inquiry reporting arrangements through the various fire authority committees, and that the SROs are considering any impacts on TVFCS. Any matters requiring Members attention or decision will be brought to the relevant Joint Committee forum. Such inquiries include the Grenfell Tower tragedy.

## **7 FINANCIAL, LEGAL, RISK MANAGEMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

None.

## **5 COMPLIANCE WITH THE TVFCS PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

This report complies with the "Principles of Collaboration".

## **6 CONTRIBUTION TO SERVICE AIMS**

It is a statutory duty for Fire and Rescue Services to make arrangements for dealing with calls for help and summoning personnel (Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004).

## **7 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

7.1 TVFCS Steady State Legal Agreement.

## **8 APPENDICES**

8.1 **Appendix A** – Copy of SROs presentation

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