

Oxfordshire County Council Fire and Rescue Service

Briefing Pack for Mr Robert Courts MP



West Oxfordshire

Witney Constituency

Overview

Oxfordshire County Council is the Fire Authority for the County of Oxfordshire and is one of 14 County Councils who undertake this role. As part of the Council services the Chief Fire Officer is a Director within OCC and has wider responsibility for:

- **Fire and Rescue Services (OFRS)**
- **Trading Standards**
- **Gypsy and Traveller Service**
- **Emergency Planning**
- **Duty for PREVENT and wider Community Safety**
- **Local Resilience Forum**
- **Out of Hours (Duty Director – covered by Brigade Manager cadre)**

OFRS has worked hard to integrate the prevention, protection and intervention services and after a successful 10 year vision “365 alive” has re-launched this with new performance measures which focus supporting:

PREVENTION, PROTECTION & EMERGENCY RESPONSE

6,000 more people alive as a result of our prevention, protection and emergency response activities.

EDUCATION

85,000 children and young adults (to include looked after children) to be better educated to lead safer and healthier lives.

VULNERABLE / LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN & ADULTS

37,500 vulnerable children and adults helped to lead more secure and independent lives supported by safe and well-being visits.

BUSINESSES

20,000 businesses given advice and support to grow.

1.6 Million

Safety Messages

Key Achievements

The successful implementation of Thames Valley Fire Control Service in April 2015 has enabled further collaborative partnerships with Royal Berkshire and Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire and Rescue Services.

OFRS have extended our partnership with South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS) to provide support to SCAS in attending life-saving medical emergencies, known as co-responding.

We have successfully engaged Public Health with the activities of OFRS and now work more closely together to identify public health concerns and raise awareness of health issues with Oxfordshire’s most vulnerable residents. As a result, our new Safe and Well-being visits now include alcohol and substance misuse, healthy eating and smoking cessation. Our trading standards and protection activities supported local businesses towards the aim of creating a world class economy.

We are currently piloting a project to support the councils home to school transport for children with special educational needs where a young person who lives in a remote location requires personal support to undertake the journey to school.

We have recently awarded a contract across the three fire and rescue services in the Thames Valley for the joint procurement of fire appliances for the next four years. This will save in excess of ¼ million pounds and will also enable better working across the three services which will ensure more effective and efficient mobilisation to emergency incidents.

OFRS and Thames Valley Police are jointly managing the Police Community Support Officers in the Carterton area and they have been trained to deliver our safe and well-being assessments to the local community. The development of the Carterton community safety centre will also bring together the three emergency services and the community groups in the West Oxfordshire area and provide an excellent opportunity for joint working.

The three emergency services have set up an executive programme board attended by the three Chief Fire Officers, the Chief Constable and the Chief Executive of Ambulance Service. This is driving operational alignment based on providing the most effective service to the public across the area.

OCC is engaged in a programme of transformation to identify how it can deliver better, smarter and more effective and efficient services to the public in Oxfordshire. This is providing opportunity for the Fire and Rescue Service to look at how it interacts with the public and carry out a full review of these processes. This has already started with the integration of the trading standards team with the OFRS business safety officers.

We have shared incident data between Police and the three fire services which will enable us to have a richer picture of the demand across the Thames Valley area to assist in the management of this demand and a wider focus on risk to the community.

Resources

Intervention

Oxfordshire is geographically the larger of the three areas within the TV area but also the most rural, our resources reflect this with a greater percentage of on-call firefighters. We have 24 stations of which 17 are completely crewed by on-call staff and the other seven have a mix of whole-time and on-call resources. From these 24 stations we crew 34 fire appliances of which seven are crewed by whole-time during the day and six during the night.

We have the following resources based in the West Oxfordshire area:

	Bampton	Eynsham	Witney	Burford	Charlbury	Woodstock	Chipping Norton	Carterton (2019)
Resources	2 x Fire Engine	1 x Fire Engine	2 x Fire Engines	1 x Fire Engine	1 x Fire Engine	1 x Fire Engine	1 x Fire Engine	1 x Fire Engine
Crewing type	11 on-call firefighters 10 WT firefighter (day only)	17 on-call firefighters	27 on-call firefighters	15 on-call firefighters	11 on-call firefighters	13 on-call firefighters	8 on-call firefighters	14 on-call firefighters
Additional resources located at station			4 Training support team 2 Fire Safety Inspectors					3 x PCSO (50%) Allocated to Fire

Note: the WT firefighter crew based at Bampton support availability across the County and are not based at Bampton

Prevention Protection and Road Safety

We currently have 4 locality hubs delivering Business safety, these are based at Witney, Banbury Didcot and Oxford City. The Trading Standard and Prevention team share offices in Oxford and Kidlington.

Local Prevention activity is undertaken by local station personnel, the station support officers or the central prevention team. OFRS is currently linking in with both TVP and OCC volunteer networks to provide and additional resource to assess, educate and signpost members of the community to assist them.

Support Services

The following support services are provided by OCC or commissioned through OCC:

- Finance and Purchasing
- HR management
- Information and Communications Technology
- Facilities Management
- Capital procurement (non-Operational)
- Press and Media

Collaborative Services are those that are delivered through partnership working with other Emergency Services or National groups

Area of collaboration	Partners
Work-wear contract	South East Fire Services
Operational guidance	Chief Fire Officers Association (all FRS)
Digital Platform	OCC Transformation programme
Demand Management	TV Police and TV FRS
Business Safety Policy and guidance	TV FRS (OFRS lead)
Emergency Services Mobile Communication Programme	South Central FRS, TV Police/ Hants Police /South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS) / IoW ambulance Service
Control and mobilising	TV FRS
Incident Command procedures	TV Police TV FRS and SCAS
Fire Appliance Procurement	TV FRS
Legal Support to Business Safety and Trading Standards	TV FRS and West Berkshire local authority
Data sharing - South East Counter Terrorism	South East FRS (9 in total)
Shared Blue light driving school	Bucks FRS and OFRS
Joint specialist operational resources – detection, identification and monitoring officers and Aerial drone resources	TV FRS
Shared estates – SCAS standby points	SCAS and OFRS

365 Alive and Community Safety Targets for Witney Constituency 2016

16 Cadets
Enrolled at Witney Fire cadets scheme

Over **183**
Interactions
with businesses and customers by our trading standards and business support teams

282
Safe and Well assessment completed in the last 6 months

Over **380**
Y6 school children attended the safety centre

3 proposed
PCSOs working for police and fire in the local community

20
Safeguarding referrals
made to the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub

1 proposed new multi-service property
based in Carterton (Fire/ Police/SCAS/OCC/community)

111 more people alive

7x
24/7
fire cover
7 fire stations providing resilient fire cover for West Oxfordshire every day of the year 24/7

Incidents Attended
646
84
Medical Emergencies

Key Contacts for Community Safety

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