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## **Blue Light Collaboration**

### **Joint Police/Fire Schemes/Services and Shared Buildings.**

#### **1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to illustrate those services, schemes and shared buildings that Nottinghamshire Police and Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue have or are planning to create through the blue light collaboration project.

#### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Panel notes the contents of this report.
- 2.2 A number of these schemes/services or shared buildings have already been agreed and implemented as part of the blue light strategic collaboration board authorisation process. Others are in scoping or planning stages. The general recommendation is that each of these items is supported where evidence suggests this can improve and enhance closer working relationships between the two services at a lower overall cost to the public purse.

#### **3. Reasons for Recommendations**

- 3.1 To ensure that the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner is updated with regards to the Blue Light Collaboration project.

#### **4. Summary of Key Points**

- 4.1 **Joint HQ.** On the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019 members of Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire Authority agreed to a joint headquarters at Sherwood Lodge in Arnold. This is due for completion 2021. Ongoing project coordinated by Ian Pritchard, Superintendent Paul Winter and Area Manager Bryn Coleman of the Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service.
- 4.2 **Driver Training Teams – review of operating models of each organisation.** Ongoing review of police and fire driver training teams to establish if there is merit in merging both driver training teams into one and co-locate within the Police or Fire estate. Scoping visits at a number of sites

have taken place and enquires have been made with other agencies to assess any licensing and training issues that may be involved. Further meetings have been scheduled to develop a detailed proposal. This will build upon the existing work where Fire already deliver D1 category van driver training for Police and in return Police deliver standard blue light courses to Fire Officer grades.

- 4.3 **Joint Drone Project.** Ongoing project that has been supported and authorised at Strategic Collaboration Board level. Funding made available from 2018/19 budget and plans are in progress to deliver a joint Police/Fire drone platform as soon as possible whilst taking into consideration Civil Aviation Authority licence/regulations and restrictions and pilot training schedules. Delivery is due imminently.
- 4.4 **Prevention Agenda.** Ongoing project that focuses on how both services independently and jointly deliver prevention strategies. Please see Appendix A for the roadmap of work complete and planned. Current status: meeting has taken place between all parties. Key areas identified: Road Safety; Vulnerable Persons; Rural Safety, District / Area Prevention; Direct Youth Engagement.
- 4.5 **Emergency Planning liaison scope Joint Operations Team.** Building on the close working relationship that already exists within the Local Resilience Forum Station Manager Richard Hodgson from NFRS has made contact with Northants to arrange visit to review their Police/Fire joint operations team, accompanied by Insp Rob Taylor from emergency planning and Blue light coordinator. The purpose of this visit is to establish if there is good practice that can be translated into a Nottinghamshire setting.
- 4.6 **Underwater/Rescue Teams Collaboration.** Both services have teams that specialise on water based rescue or recovery. The leads of each team, Sergeant Martyn Toombes (Police) and Station Manager Martin Bills (Fire) are coordinating and updating an existing agreement that will see both teams work and train closer together. This work is also considering opportunities to share equipment and the costs associated with it.
- 4.7 **COTAG access to fire stations for OS / Bassetlaw / Stapleford Police Officers. Allowing Police Officers to access select Fire Stations.** Vicky Brown from NFRS has produced scoping document for the Collaboration Delivery Board (CDB) relating to access to fire estates for decision to be made on how and who will get access to Bassetlaw and Stapleford Fire stations. This will reduce the need for officers to return to their base stations during shift.
- 4.8 **Use of Vehicle Wash facilities in Bassetlaw –** Following the sale of Worksop and Retford Police Stations, an agreement has been reached for Notts Police to use the NFRS vehicle washing facilities.
- 4.9 **Joint purchasing and use of fuel for NFRS bunkers.** Currently in the final stages of a legal agreement that will enable police and fire to access each

other's fuel tanks without any tax implications. The advantage of this proposal is that it will mean both organisations can save costs by holding lower stock levels, reducing the number of fuel sites and can avoid refurbishment costs of old fuel tanks, not to mention the bulk purchasing element.

- 4.10 **Opportunities around joint leadership and management training (L&D)** Meetings have taken place between fire and police teams with a further update to come to a future Collaboration Delivery Board. The suggestion has been made to bring this back in-house and undertake as a joint enterprise. Nicky Coates of Notts Police and Matt Sismey of NFRS will progress this work on behalf of the collaboration.
- 4.11 **Welfare Vehicle Project.** Legal agreement finalised and vehicle now operationally available. The Welfare Unit has been requested 14 times by Nottinghamshire Police since a collaboration agreement to share the resource was put in place in August 2018. This initiative has been positively received by our staff who are tasked with maintaining the integrity of remote crime scenes 24/7 in poor conditions.
- 4.12 **Use of NFRS Aerial Ladder Platform (ALP) to assist with Police investigations.** Service level agreement between Fire and Police for use of this equipment when required to assist Police investigations. Suggestion made by Accident Investigation Team and agreed by Bryn Coleman. Used at recent investigation into fatal RTC at Worksop.
- 4.13 **Tri-Force Project Hucknall.** Project that will establish a joint operations base at Hucknall ambulance station for all three emergency services. Lease agreements being progressed with both Fire and Police ready to commence building works. Lead by Tim Wendells, Notts Police Head of Estates.
- 4.14 **East Leake Fire Station.** Used by Police as Contact Point for the Local Neighbourhood Policing Team.
- 4.15 **Carlton Fire Station.** Front counter reception created for police and drop in centre for the Neighbourhood Team. Notts Police have also used this station to deliver recruit courses and firearms training.
- 4.16 **London Road Fire Station.** This station now has an operational drop in facility for the Local Neighbourhood Policing team.
- 4.17 **Highfields Fire Station. Beeston.** Police use this station for Post Foundation Course training, TRIM training and aspects of roads policing. Plans to introduce additional training at this centre including Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) training.
- 4.18 **Ollerton Fire Service Development Centre.** Police use this centre to deliver Force Leadership training and D1 Van driver training on behalf of Nottinghamshire Police.

- 4.19 **Fire Investigators (FIs) to co-work at Police HQ with Crime Scene Investigators (CSIs).** Meeting arranged between CSI and FI Team leaders at Sherwood Lodge on for 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019 to scope feasibility of FI teams relocating to CSI offices. Both services are required to be accredited under UKAS by October 2020 and a joint base would benefit this aspect. A detailed proposal will then be developed for consideration by the Collaboration Delivery Board.

## **5. Financial Implications and Budget Provision**

- 5.1 The areas of joint working identified above are overseen by the Collaboration Delivery Board chaired by the Deputy Chief Officers of each organisation. This board reports to the Strategic Collaboration Board which is jointly chaired by both Chief Officers. If a decision is made that funding is required to progress a proposal then this is referred to the respective executive board of each organisation to gain approval.

## **6. Human Resources Implications**

- 6.1 All schemes/services and shared estates are subject to bespoke HR involvement depending on the project detail and HR implications. Guidance and advice is sought where HR issues are identified to ensure projects remain within accepted guidelines and regulations.

## **7. Equality Implications**

- 7.1 There are no specific Equality Implications of this report but all proposals that are developed through the collaboration are subject to consideration of the Equality Implications as they pass through the governance processes of each organisation.

## **8. Risk Management**

- 8.1 All schemes/services and shared estate projects are subject to required risk management policies to ensure risks are identified and managed in line with both services agreements/protocols.

## **9. Policy Implications and links to the Police and Crime Plan Priorities**

- 9.1 None identified relating to these listed schemes/services or shared estates.

## **10. Changes in Legislation or other Legal Considerations**

- 10.1 Each scheme/service or shared estate project is dealt with independently and any legal or legislative issue is considered and dealt with in line with both services agreement. This forms an integral part of any progression plan as it is important that each project remains within the legal frameworks that govern and guide.

## **11. Details of outcome of consultation**

- 11.1 All of these schemes/services and shared estates are subject to the Blue Light Collaboration authorisation process and are shared within the Collaboration Delivery Board meetings chaired by the Deputy Chief Constable and Deputy Chief Fire Officer from each service and the Strategic Collaboration Board.

## **12. Appendices**

- 12.1 Appendix A – Joint Working Graphic Document.

## **13. Background Papers (relevant for Police and Crime Panel Only)**

- 13.1 There are no background papers relating to this report.