

# AGENDA SUPPLEMENT (1)

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**Meeting:** Devizes Area Board  
**Place:** Devizes School, Main Hall, SN10 3AG  
**Date:** Tuesday 7 March 2017  
**Time:** 7.15 pm

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The Agenda for the above meeting was published on **27 February 2017**. Additional documents are now available and are attached to this Agenda Supplement.

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### Devizes Area Board Report

March 2017

#### Dorset and Wiltshire Combination: One year on !!

The two Services combined on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 to form Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service with Darran Gunter as Chief Fire Officer (CFO).

Since then there have been some changes in Senior Personnel. Ben Ansell is now the CFO and he has been in post since 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016. Jim Mahoney is now an Assistant Chief Fire Officer (ACFO) and has responsibility for Operations (Response).

A great deal of work was put into the combination prior to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 in order that the transition could occur with minimal disruption. On the whole this has been achieved, however there is still work to do in order align some of the management systems and methods of recording.

Locally, the public should not have noticed any significant change. The local crews still respond to emergency calls, carry out visits and engage with the community in the same way they always did. If anything, in the future, it is this community work that will increase so the crews become more visible to members of the public through new partner initiatives.

#### Fire Service Precept Increase.

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority approved a budget of £53.735 million for 2017/18 at its meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> February

Within the recommendation was the requirement to increase council tax with a 2.6 pence per week increase for Band D properties in Bournemouth, Dorset, Poole, Swindon and Wiltshire – resulting in an **annual fire precept Band D of £70.59** for the Fire and Rescue Service within the council tax for the year starting on 1 April 2017.

#### Mobilising to Incidents.

Last week, DWFRS featured prominently in local and national BBC news programs.

The partnership, Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service (DWFRS), Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service (DSFRS) and Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service

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(HFRS), responded to FOI requests from BBC Radio 5Live concerning operational problems with the Vision control room system provided by Capita.

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb, BBC 5Live broadcast the story as part of their '5 Live Investigates' programme, concentrating predominately on issues with LFB, rather than the partnership, however, the partnership was mentioned as we use the same system.

Since the system went fully live across the Networked Fire Services Partnership (NFSP) last year, some intermittent issues have been experienced. These are being worked through with Capita and we are now experiencing much improved stability in the system.

**At no point have 999 calls gone unanswered** or fire appliances not been despatched. On the occasions the system has experienced issues, back-up and resilience procedures have ensured there is no interruption to our services.

**The statement below, given to the BBC, sets out our NFSP partnership's position:**

*"Since the Vision system went live, all 999 calls have been answered. Robust back-up systems and resilience arrangements are in place, as with every emergency service control room in the country, to ensure there is absolutely no interruption to our service.*

*"We continue to work closely with Capita to address any issues and further develop the system. We are also working to resolve any network problems."*

*"The partnership between Hampshire, Devon & Somerset and Dorset & Wiltshire provides significantly improved resilience and will save taxpayers in the region of £15m over the next 10 years."*

*Following the broadcast on 5Live, BBC Radio Wiltshire approached DWFRS for further comment. After liaising with Capita, DSFRS and HFRS assisted their journalists with this story and re-issued the above statement. This programme was then broadcast in their breakfast show on Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

*Following the radio coverage, BBC Points West and South Today picked up the story. A union representative from Control was interviewed at Potterne, along with a member of the FBU, a local Wiltshire MP as well as ACFO Mahoney, who reiterated the partnerships views in a face to face interview, also recorded at Potterne. This was also show on Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> during the regional TV programmes.*

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I would like to take this opportunity to reassure the residents of Devizes that our systems are such that we will always respond to emergency calls.

### **Want to become a firefighter ?**

Or know someone who does?

On-call Firefighters provide a part-time service around other commitments. They let us know when they are available and respond to emergency call outs.

To find out more about the role please visit the 'Working for us' pages of our website or drop into the station on a Wednesday evening for a chat.

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**Report to** Devizes Area Board  
**Date of meeting** 7 March 2017  
**Title of report** Youth Funding Procurement of PAYP providers  
**Urgent Item**

**Purpose of the Report:**

To consider the listed procurement purchases of positive activity providers; using youth funding, as detailed below, together with the recommendations of the Local Youth Network (LYN) Management Group.

PAYP Provider	Amount requested	LYN Management Group recommendation
To be confirmed	£713.75	To delegate procurement to the CEM and LYF in consultation with the LYN.

**1. Background**

The recommendations from the LYN Management Group has been made in accordance with the following guidelines:

- Leaders guidance for Community Area Boards on Positive Activities for Young People
- Positive Activities for Young People local Youth Network Terms of Reference
- Positive Activities Toolkit for Community Area Boards
- Procurement Policies and Guidelines <http://thewire.wiltshire.council/index/service-areas-carolyn-godfrey/business-services-procurement/procurement-policies-and-guidance.htm>

Young people have considered these and identified them as a priority for Area Board funding.

**2. Main Considerations**

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that Youth Funding awarded in the 2016/2017 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of it being awarded.
- 2.2. Councillors will need to decide and be assured that young people and the community will benefit from the funding being awarded and the project/positive activity proceeding. The application should meet the identified needs, priorities and outcomes for young people in the areas, as identified in the LYN Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan.
- 2.3. Councillors will need to ensure measures have been taken in relation to safeguarding children and young people.
- 2.4. Councillors will need to ensure that young people have been central to each stage of this Youth Funding procurement process, through the Local Youth Network Management Group.
- 2.5. Councillors will need to be satisfied that procurement policies and guidelines have been adhered to.

**3. Environmental & Community Implications**

Youth Funding will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

**4. Financial Implications**

Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure.

**5. Legal Implications**

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

**6. Human Resources Implications**

There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

**7. Equality and Inclusion Implications**

Ensuring that Community Area Boards and LYNs fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in designing local positive activities for young people is essential to meeting the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.

**8. Safeguarding Implications**

Wiltshire Council has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place; through its' procurement process, to safeguard children and young people. However, the Area Board needs to be satisfied that the providers being procured have everything necessary in place. The Locality Youth Facilitator has assessed this and agreed providers meet safeguarding requirements.

**9. Procurement of PAYP for consideration**

<b>Procurement purchase ID</b>	<b>Provider</b>	<b>Project Proposal</b>	<b>Requested</b>
To be confirmed	To be confirmed	Training for voluntary youth clubs	£713.75
<p><b>Positive activity description</b>            At the formation of a youth leaders network in Devizes youth leaders have asked for more support in training and networking in order to support the youth clubs set up through the community led model. The LYN would like to support this aim by making available this amount of money for the LYF to secure training for these youth leaders. This money will be allocated specifically to training and decisions on the elements of training made by the LYF and CEM in consultation with the youth leaders network in the first instance and the LYN following this.</p>			
<p><b>Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group, with any conditions</b>             To delegate the decision to the CEM and LYF in consultation with the LYN.             This item is considered to be urgent in view of the end of the financial year approaching and no further area boards planned before the end of the financial year due to the election period.</p>			

Background documents used in the publication of this report:

- Quotation request proposal

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