



Corsham Area Board - Report 25th July 2018

New Fire and Rescue Authority meets for first time

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority has met for the first time in its new, streamlined form and approved the Community Safety Plan for 2018-22.

The meeting on 6 June was the first with a reduction in membership from 30 members to 18, a decision which was taken in February. This has streamlined the Authority's governance arrangements and means there is now a more effective approach to decision-making and accountability.

The Authority membership is now as follows:

- Bournemouth Borough Council (two places) – Cllr Beverley Dunlop, Cllr Malcolm Davies
- Dorset County Council (five places) – Cllr Richard Biggs, Cllr Kevin Brookes, Cllr Spencer Flower, Cllr Rebecca Knox, Cllr Byron Quayle
- Borough of Poole (two places) – Cllr Ann Stribley, Cllr Vikki Slade
- Swindon Borough Council (three places) – Cllr Abdul Amin, Cllr Nick Martin, Cllr Garry Perkins
- Wiltshire Council (six places) – Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Bob Jones, Cllr Christopher Newbury, Cllr Paul Oatway, Cllr Pip Ridout

Cllr Spencer Flower was re-elected as Chair of the Authority, Cllr Garry Perkins was re-elected as vice-Chair, and Cllr Bob Jones was re-elected as Chair of the Finance & Governance Committee.

Members considered and approved this year's Community Safety Plan. This is the corporate plan for the Authority and it also fulfils its requirement to set out an Integrated Risk Management Plan under the newly revised Fire and Rescue National Framework for England. The plan for 2018-22 follows the previous format – it's written with members of the public in mind, it's non-technical, whilst at the same time provides a strategic overview of the broad range of services provided, based on the organisation's five priorities:

- Help you to make safer and healthier choices
 - Protect you and the environment from harm
 - Be there when you need us
 - Make every penny count
 - Supporting and developing our people
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- More about the Fire and Rescue Authority can be found at www.dwfire.org.uk/fire-rescue-authority
 - The new Community Safety Plan can be viewed at www.dwfire.org.uk/community-safety-plan

Nice Weather for a BBQ!

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service is reminding people to take extra care when disposing of barbecues,

At this time of year, lots of people will be using barbecues and we urge them to take proper precautions to prevent the risk of fire.

- always ensure that coals are completely cold before being thrown away, ideally by damping down with water.
- You should never dispose of hot barbecue ashes in plastic rubbish bins
- Always position the barbecue on a level site, away from wooden fencing, sheds and hedges.
- Don't place the barbecue on dry grass or vegetation.
- Use firelighters or barbecue fuel to light the coals – NEVER use petrol or paraffin.
- Keep children and pets well away from the cooking area and never leave the barbecue unattended.
- Be careful when grilling fatty foods, as the fat can cause the coals to flare up.
- Always have a bucket of water or garden hose to hand in case a barbecue gets out of hand.
- Make sure the controls and cylinder valves of a gas barbecue are turned off before you change the cylinder, which should be done in a well-ventilated area. Always check the connections for leaks.
- Store gas cylinders outside and protect them from direct sunlight and frost.
- Make sure your gas barbecue is correctly serviced and that all joints are tightened, safe and secure.
- Never use a barbecue indoors or inside a tent, as they produce potentially lethal carbon monoxide.

For more fire safety information, please visit www.dwfire.org.uk/safety

Response

Total Incidents attended by DWFRS for Corsham Area; 21/05/18 – 10/07/18.

DWFRS have responded to 31 incidents on Corsham's station ground between the dates above categorised in the table below.

Category	Total Incidents
False Alarm	16
Fire	10
Special Service	5
Total	31



We are seeing an increase in the number of fires involving grassland etc. due to this recent spell of dry, warm weather. Here's some advice to help us prevent these types of incidents:

- Avoid open fires in the countryside. If you must have a fire, make sure that you're in a designated safe area.
- Put out cigarettes and other smoking materials properly before you leave your vehicle.
- Do not throw cigarette ends out of your vehicle. They could start a fire and destroy surrounding countryside.
- Don't leave bottles or glass in woodlands, as sunlight shining through the glass can cause a fire to start. Take the items home, or put them in a waste or recycling bin.
- If you see a fire in the countryside, report it immediately. Do not try to tackle a fire yourself; usually they can't be put out with a bucket of water. Please call the fire service and leave the area as soon as possible.
- Ensure that you know your location or a landmark so you can direct the fire service.

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