

Bath & North East Somerset Council			
MEETING:	Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel		
MEETING DATE:	20 th January 2011		
TITLE:	Community Safety Plan: Water Safety		
WARD:	ALL		
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM			
List of attachments to this report:			
Appendix One: Avon Fire and Rescue Water Safety briefing paper for Bath & North East Somerset			

1. THE ISSUE

1.1 The report invites the Panel to hear from Avon Fire and Rescue on the work they do to raise awareness on Water Safety and to reduce the risk, which will generate an open question and answer session.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny panel receives and comments on a presentation summarising the approach towards water safety in Bath & North East Somerset and identify where further support can be generated by the council and other agencies.

2.2 The Panel will hear about the level of incidents that continue to cause concern.

2.3 Note the progress over the last 12 months from key partners involved.

2.4 To identify examples of work across Bath and North East Somerset

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no financial implications to this report.

4. THE REPORT

4.1 This process is designed to allow the Panel to identify how we combat water related incidents and to raise awareness of safety to reduce the risk of death associated to open water.

4.2 On average Avon Fire & Rescue attend just under one incident per month involving injury in water, and a very small proportion of those will tragically result in deaths.

4.3 The presentation will look back at previous campaigns and also highlight new programs scheduled for 2011, to make sure any local concerns are addressed.

4.4. During 2011, Avon Fire and Rescue will start to deliver a program into schools based on water safety and basic life support first aid. The program devised by the RNLI will be delivered by the operational crews from Bath.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT

5.1 The presentation relates to the work of Avon Fire and Rescue and is subject to their risk assessment processes.

6 . EQUALITIES

6.1 Promoting equality and opportunity for all groups and individuals across the six equality strands and promoting community cohesion is integral to this work.

7. CONSULTATION

7.1 The Council's Monitoring Officer (Council Solicitor) and Section 151 Officer (Divisional Director - Finance) have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication

8. ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION

8.1; Health & Safety; Community Safety, Section 17 and 115 Crime and Disorder Act 1998; Total Place; Other Legal Considerations

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Background papers	Presentation at the meeting by Gary Weeks Briefing paper
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