

## Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Economic & Community Development Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel
MEETING DATE:	21 July 2011
TITLE:	Fire and Rescue Home Safety
WARD:	ALL
<b>AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM</b>	
<b>List of attachments to this report:</b> None	

### 1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 This report invites the Panel to hear about Home Fire Safety and how Bath and North East Somerset Fire and Rescue services manage community risk. This will highlight the work they do in providing safety in the home, which will generate an open question and answer session.

### 2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Economic and Community Development Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel is asked to agree that:
- 2.2 The presentation be commented on and used as the basis to identify the progress of this work with the local communities and key partners involved.
- 2.3 The Panel to consider a phased approach to interventions, joint working and mutually supportive agendas.
- 2.4 To identify a range of examples that illustrates the interrelationship and interdependencies of many seemingly unrelated community issues.

### 3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications to this report.

## **4 THE REPORT**

- 4.1 Avon Fire & Rescue Service is actively involve in many aspects of community safety, and their work alone and with partners shows how interdependent and inter related issues can be managed on a risk based program.
- 4.2 Their Home Safety interventions are a key example of how this community safety matter can be managed and the risk of home fires reduced whilst working in partnership and in support of other agencies agendas.
- 4.3 The presentation will look back at previous work and also highlight how this intelligence is used to understand complex needs and behaviours common to the causes of fires in the home.
- 4.4 By working together with agencies such as the council, police, charities and community groups enable us to tackle complex problems. A broader range of perspectives, knowledge, information, strengths and skills do provide new and better ways of delivering community safety services.
- 4.5 This report will highlight that partnerships and local communities help us create more for less - pooling resources can help us achieve results in a more cost effective way and access extra resources. Working with our local communities, schools and voluntary groups allows us to reach all areas of our community with vital safety information and advice.

## **5 RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 5.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

## **6 EQUALITIES**

- 6.1 The decision to undertake this piece of work as set out in the report will not in itself have an equalities impact. However, the Brief highlights that as part of the analysis equalities impacts will be considered, highlighted and addressed.

## **7 CONSULTATION**

- 7.1 *Cabinet Member; Overview & Scrutiny Panel; Section 151 Finance Officer; Chief Executive; Monitoring Officer*

## **8 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION**

- 8.1 Health & Safety; Community Safety, Section 17 and 115 Crime and Disorder Act 1998; Safeguarding, Human Rights, Other Legal Considerations

## **9 ADVICE SOUGHT**

- 9.1 The Council's Monitoring Officer (Divisional Director – Legal and Democratic Services) and Section 151 Officer (Divisional Director - Finance) have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication.

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<b>Background papers</b>	None
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