Fire Services Management Committee update paper

Purpose of report

For information.

Summary

The report outlines issues of interest to the Fire Services Management Committee not covered under other items on the agenda.

Recommendation

That members of the Committee note the report.

Action

Officers to continue to provide updates to members.

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Government

PCCs and Fire governance

1. Governance of the Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Services has now transferred to the now Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire Stephen Mold. Northamptonshire joins Staffordshire and North Yorkshire as PFCCs.

Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) work

1. Following the last FSMC meeting where the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) and the Home Office attended to speak on the preparations for the CSR, officers have been working to develop the process leading up to any submission of information to the Treasury to ensure proper members oversight.
2. To this end, the Home Office and NFCC have agreed to host two workshops with member attendance:
	1. The first workshop took place on the 8 January and examined the subject of capabilities;
	2. The second workshop will be held in February (date yet to be confirmed) and will focus on efficiency and productivity.
3. The Home Office is also expected to establish a Senior Sector Group to oversee and drive delivery of a comprehensive evidence base and proposal for the Review. Members will also be represented in this Group.

Home Office First Responder review

1. The Modern Slavery Act 2015 introduced the role of ‘First Responder’ to modern slavery. A First Responder organisation is able to refer a potential victim of modern slavery into the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) for support and a decision as to whether there is conclusive grounds to believe they are a victim of modern slavery and therefore eligible for further support.
2. As part of a package of reforms to the NRM process the Home Office is conducting a review of the First Responder role, this includes a survey for non-first responder organisations with an interest in modern slavery.
3. Fire and Rescue Services are not currently statutory First Responders, however, they are explicitly mentioned in the survey as a possible one, so it is key for Fire Services and Fire Authorities to engage with this consultation.
4. The [Non-First Responder Survey](https://www.homeofficesurveys.homeoffice.gov.uk/s/FRSurvey/) is aimed at people and organisations who have an interest in the question of which organisations should be First Responders and how they should be trained, this could include staff who train First Responders, policy officials working on the NRM or organisations and networks with an interest in Modern Slavery.

HMICFRS event

1. On the 21 January, HMICFRS held an event for Chief Fire Officers, Chairs of Fire and Rescue Authorities and equivalents, Police, Fire and Crime Commissioners and other Fire and Rescue Services interested parties. The aim of the event was to share learning from the first tranche of fire and rescue services inspections and to provide feedback to HMICFRS on the process.
2. The Rt. Hon. Nick Hurd MP, Minister for Policing and Fire, was due to give the keynote address and HMICFRS are also expected to outline their proposal for the corporate governance inspection regime and invite attendees to comment. As this event falls in the week prior to FSMC, a further verbal update may be given depending on the specific content of the day.

LGA events

Diversity and Inclusion Masterclasses

1. Following the successful Diversity event held earlier in 2018, five further regional Masterclasses have now been organised with assistance from members and officers from individual services. Further details on the individual events is below and is as up-to-date as possible at the time of writing;
	1. London: The first of the Masterclasses was held on the 9 January 2019. Twelve members attended the event
	2. West Yorkshire: The second Masterclass was held on the 18 January and had 15 attendees booked on to the event
	3. Exeter: There are currently 11 attendees booked on to this event on the 31 January
	4. Lancashire: There are currently 23 attendees booked on to this event on the 12 February
	5. Birmingham: There are currently 14 attendees booked on to this event on the 20 February.
2. With assistance from individual Authority’s staff and the NFCC we have been actively marketing these events. However, we would be grateful if the Committee could continue to promote them in their own authorities. For more information and for marketing text please email Jessica.norman@local.gov.uk. Links to individual events are below:
	1. [Exeter, 31 January 2019](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/E7i6C3lJVIrryqhv7kCF)
	2. [Lancashire, 12 February 2019](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/xc0GC48KGIwwDgCjSQmC)
	3. [Birmingham, 20 February 2019](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/F_C-C580KIrrXEhlEf0L)

LGA Fire Conference 2019

1. The current draft agenda is attached at Appendix A for members’ perusal.

Outside bodies update

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| **Outside Body** | **Update** |
| Arson Prevention Forum | No update |
| Central Programme OfficeEngagement Forum | No update |
| Central Programme OfficeEngagement Forum: CommunityRisk Sub-forum | No update |
| Central Programme OfficeEngagement Forum: Digital | No update |
| Central Programme OfficeEngagement Forum: People | No update |
| On-call Steering Group | Meeting 09/01/2019 |
| Emergency Service Collaboration Working Group | Workshop 15/02/2019 |
| Fire Service College Engagement Forum | Workshop 18/01/2019 |
| HMICFRS FRS Inspections -External Reference Group | No update |
| Interoperability Board (JESIP) | No Update, yet to meet |
| National Occupational Committee | Meeting to be organised |
| Fire Standards Board | FSB Chair and Vice Chair Meeting 01/02/2019Meeting 02/04/2019Meeting 24/06/2019 |
| Strategic Resilience Board | Meeting 30/01/2019* A review of the MTFA guidelines and cross service operations
* New dimensions equipment refresh contracts
* Planning for flooding and environmental impact including wildfires
* A national resilience conference is being planned
* Ongoing jessip issues
* Implications of international cooperation in search and rescue
* The communications equipment refresh contract
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