

Fire Commission update paper

Purpose of report

For information.

Summary

The report outlines issues of interest to the Commission not covered under the other items on the agenda.

Recommendation

That the Fire Commission note the update.

Action

Officers to progress as appropriate.

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Fire/Health

1. Following the publication of the [Consensus Statement](#) between the LGA, CFOA, Public Health England, NHS England and Age UK in October the LGA has continued to engage with these organisations through the fire/health project group and the Fire Summit.
2. In February the first of a series of regional meetings was held to start to discuss how local areas could join up across fire, health and social care. Cllr John Edwards represented the LGA to discuss the role of members and the LGA's work on this area. A number of regional and local events have been held across the country now with the aim of having initial discussions on the role of fire in health and social care. The last Fire Summit was held in March and was attended by Cllr Jeremy Hilton, Cllr David Acton and Cllr Kay Hammond.
3. The group will also soon be publishing a document aimed at helping fire, health services and social services join up at a local level. This is not work that can be taken forward in isolation and the document encourages a whole place approach towards this issue. This has been signed off by both the lead members from the Fire Services Management Committee and the Community Wellbeing Portfolio

Beyond Fighting Fires 2

4. At the LGA's Fire Conference in March we published an updated version of our [Beyond Fighting Fires](#) document [Beyond Fighting Fires 2](#). Whilst the first document concentrated on health and fire, the second one looked at the wider transformation underway in the sector through collaboration and partnership approaches.

Association of Police and Crime Chief Executives: Model Business Case

5. The Association of Police and Crime Chief Executives (APACE) have set up a working group to look at creating a model business case for a change in governance from the Fire and Rescue Authority to the Police and Crime Commissioner. The LGA are a part of that group. It is looking at a range of issues including the financial, economic and public safety case for any change.
6. Once a draft model business case has been written there will be an opportunity for wider consultation with the fire and rescue service to ensure that a robust process is in place.

Fire Leadership Essentials Programme

7. On 15-16 February Cllr Hilton helped to facilitate the LGA's Fire Leadership Essentials Programme. Cllr Horner and Cllr Pulk from the FSCM also attended the programme. The agenda covered key strategic issues for the future of the service, in particular the changes outlined in the Policing and Crime Bill. Delegates heard from the Home Office

on their plans for the future as well as discussing their local areas. Attendees also looked at their leadership style, heard case studies from a number of fire and rescue services, undertook media training and discussed collaboration.

8. The next Fire Leadership Essentials Programme will be in October between 25-26. The flyer is attached at [Appendix A](#). The programme is open to any leading councillor on an FRA, and is an opportunity to discuss some of the key issues facing fire and rescue authorities as well as network with other members and further develop your leadership skills.

A councillor's guide to civil emergencies

9. The LGA is producing a new guide for councillors to civil emergencies. This document will outline councils' legal obligations as well as the important role for councillors in responding to emergencies. This document will be published on the LGA's website shortly.