

REPORT OF THE LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY - 26 APRIL 2021

URGENT DECISION ARRANGEMENTS AT ELECTION TIME

The Authority authorised the Chief Fire Officer and the Clerk to the Authority to take any urgent decisions upon any matters arising between the date of the County elections and the CFA Annual Meeting, in the event of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman not being re-elected.

FIRE PROTECTION REPORTS

Members considered a report that summarised: i) an ongoing fire safety prosecution for Plaza Beach Hotel, Blackpool; ii) Fire protection and business support information which confirmed the inspection activity for high rise premises remained a priority and that tailored advice and support was being provided to businesses which may not have been occupied or operating throughout the recent lockdown in order to ensure responsible persons fully considered fire safety within their reopening processes; and iii) cases of arson incidents were reported where evidence had been provided by Fire Investigators into the Criminal Justice System and court proceedings had progressed to trial and custodial sentences given. The report also included a restorative justice arrangement.

COMMUNITY FIRE SAFETY REPORTS

Members considered a report that provided an overview of community safety activities and incidents of operational interest across the 14 district authorities during February 2021 – March 2021. The Deputy Chief Fire Officer highlighted the continued work with young people via: i) the Fire Cadet programme which continued to work virtually with over 100 Cadets achieving Skills for Justice qualifications; ii) the Road Sense package which had been adapted for virtual delivery into schools and for pupil's home schooling had now reached over 5,000 pupils; iii) The Service had recently celebrated 20 years delivery of the Prince's Trust programme to over 6,000 young people. He also highlighted that the Service continued to support the response to the covid-19 national pandemic. Staff had assisted in the delivery of over 200,000 vaccinations of which circa 25,000 had now been delivered by our own staff. Operational incidents of note included a terrible incident in Bolton-le-Sands of a roof collapsing where a father and son had sadly lost their lives and serious road traffic collisions where sadly there had been a number of fatalities on Lancashire's roads.

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Chairman

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