

Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on 13 November 2015

Electoral Divisions affected:

All

Report of the Fire Suppression Measures Task Group

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

Attached at Appendix 'A' is the report of the Fire Suppression Measures Task Group which outlines the discussion and recommendations as a result of the Task Group's analysis.

Attached at Appendix 'B' is the report presented to the 'All Party Fire Safety and Rescue Group' parliamentary seminar by Jason Homan entitled, 'The Financial Constraints of Implementing Fire Safety Requirements into New Build Schools', which was utilised by the Task Group towards formulating recommendations.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to:

Support the recommendations of the Task Group as set out in the report at Appendix 'A', and comment as appropriate.

Background and Advice

This task group was formed at the request of the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People to consider the potential for installing a fire suppression system (sprinklers) into all Lancashire schools. As a result the group has met a number of times to discuss this matter, basing the discussions around the report presented to the 'All Party Fire Safety and Rescue Group' parliamentary seminar by Jason Homan in April 2013 entitled '**The Financial Constraints of Implementing Fire Safety Requirements into New Build Schools**' (see Appendix 'B').

Membership of the task group

The Task group was made up of the following County Councillors:-

- CC Jackie Oakes (Chair)

- CC Carl Crompton
- CC Susie Charles
- CC Cynthia Dereli
- CC Michael Green
- CC Sandra Perkins
- CC Jeff Sumner

Scope of the Scrutiny exercise

The key objectives were to:

- Assess the financial aspects
- Assess the community impacts
- Assess the cost for fitting sprinklers into new schools and the retrofitting of sprinklers
- Understand the technical aspects
- Understand the role and thoughts of the Fire & Rescue Service
- To consider all of the above and formulate recommendations

The report of the task group's investigation together with their conclusions and recommendations is attached as Appendix A.

Consultations

N/A.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

This report has no significant risk implications.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
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N/A.

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A.