

**REPORT OF THE LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY (CFA)
20 JUNE 2016**

1. COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

The meeting held 20 June was the Authority's AGM and Members appointed County Councillors F De Molfetta and M Parkinson as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Authority respectively for 2016/17.

2. WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The Chairman welcomed new Members, County Councillors Vivien Taylor and Ron Shewan from Lancashire County Council. He thanked the continuing Members for their contributions to the work of the Authority over the previous year and looked forward to another successful year working together for Lancashire residents.

3. SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT ANNUAL REVIEW

The Authority considered the Safety, Health and Environment Annual Review Report for Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service covering the period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016. As the body with ultimate responsibility for staff health, safety and environmental compliance it is important that all CFA Members are aware of performance in this respect. The report therefore provided a summary of key actions, overall progress and outturn performance in respect of accidents and near misses and carbon emissions, together with a look forward.

The report summarised the arrangements in place to deliver the Service's Health and Safety Policy and provided a summary of health, safety and environment performance data. It included the reporting on occupational safety, health and environmental issues that had arisen during the period 1 April 2015 – 31 March 2016.

The Director of People and Development was pleased to report that the Service had again seen a very positive year in terms of overall safety, health and environment performance. The number of accidents to LFRS staff was the second lowest on record with 60 events being reported of which only 23 resulted in lost time accidents. LFRS continued to deliver projects to reduce its carbon emissions. The health and safety and environment management systems would continue to be developed and this was supported by external reviews that advocated robust policies, systems and a positive culture were in place within the Service.

4. FIRE PROTECTION REPORTS

A report detailing prosecutions in respect of fire safety management failures and arson related incidents within the period 1 April 2016 to 31 May 2016 was provided. At the request of County Councillor O'Toole, Group Manager Tony Crook presented Members with an overview of the work undertaken in respect of rented accommodation which set out the various types of premises, the lead organisation responsible for inspection and

enforcement action, the legislative framework, reasons for and types of inspection, actions undertaken to reduce risk and a summary of two prosecution examples.

5. COMMUNITY FIRE SAFETY REPORTS

This report included information for the 2 Unitary and 12 District Authorities relating to Community Fire Safety Initiatives and Fires and Incidents of particular interest.

As part of the report Area Manager Simon Fryer gave a presentation to Members on the different operational strategies taken for recent waste fires at Fleetwood and Walton Summit to provide Members with an insight into the dilemmas faced by the Service.

FRANK DE MOLFETTA
Chairman

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