

# **REPORT OF THE LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY (CFA) - 17 JUNE 2019**

## **1. COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY ANNUAL MEETING**

The meeting held 17 June was the Authority's Annual Meeting and Members appointed County Councillors F De Molfetta and M Parkinson as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Authority respectively for 2019/20. The Chairman was pleased to announce that the Vice-Chairman, County Councillor Parkinson had been awarded Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for his political service in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

## **2. COMPOSITION OF THE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY**

The Composition of the Combined Fire Authority for 2019/20 included 2 new Members from Lancashire County Council; CC Hasina Khan had replaced CC Matthew Tomlinson and CC John Fillis had replaced CC Lorraine Beavers.

## **3. RE-APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSON**

As required by the Localism Act 2011, the Authority had a duty to promote and maintain high standards of Members which included the appointment of one or more Independent Persons. Following consideration, the Authority re-appointed Mrs Hilary Banks as its Independent Person for a further period of 2 years until the CFA Annual Meeting in June 2021.

## **4. EXECUTIVE BOARD SUCCESSION ARRANGEMENTS**

The Authority had appointed David Russel as Deputy Chief Fire Officer on 7 May 2019 and the post of Assistant Chief Officer was in the process of being recruited to. In the meantime, Area Manager, Ben Norman would be acting in the post.

## **5. ANNUAL SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT REPORT 2018/19**

The Authority noted that the Service had again seen a very positive year in terms of overall safety, health and environment performance. Since initial certification in November 2011 annual surveillance visits had been conducted with re-certification every 3 years to maintain external certification of the Health and Safety and Environment Management Systems. In February 2019 the auditor from British Assessment Bureau carried out a surveillance audit for ISO 14001:2015 and they also carried out an audit against a new health and safety standard ISO 45001:2018. The scope for both standards was 'The Provision of Fire, Rescue and Supporting Services across Lancashire'. Continued certification was granted without any non-conformance or opportunities for improvement identified. During the audit process complimentary comments had been received. During 2018/19 there had been 73 accidents, 109 near misses and 10 RIDDOR events. A comparison against previous performance showed the continued reduction of accidents and positive increase in near miss reporting.

The Carbon Management Plan agreed by the Resources Committee in March 2009 included a visionary target of 40% carbon emission reduction by March 2020. The Service had achieved an overall reduction of 23% by March 2019 which equated to 989 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>; this delivered savings to date of £672k. Work would continue to improve this area. The report also detailed key safety, health and environmental priorities for 2019/20 which included: the implementation of revised National Guidance, the maintenance of certification standards, reducing energy and waste and the continued review of Health and Wellbeing arrangements.

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Chairman

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