

## **REPORT OF THE LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY (CFA) HELD 3 OCTOBER 2022**

### **HIS MAJESTY'S INSPECTORATE OF CONSTABULARY AND FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES – INSPECTION REPORT**

The Authority received a report that detailed the inspection of the Service which concluded on 24 January 2022 by His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (formerly Her Late Majesty's Inspectorate).

It was noted that while some Fire and Rescue Services had improved in some areas, most services had lost gradings due to the inspection being more detailed. Furthermore, where gradings had remained the same this demonstrated that an improvement had been made.

The Chairman drew Members' attention to a statement from Matt Parr, His Majesty's Inspector of Fire and Rescue Services who said:

"I congratulate Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service on its excellent performance across all three areas of our assessment. Since its last inspection in 2018, it has improved in almost all areas."

### **MEMBER CHAMPION ACTIVITY**

The Authority appointed its Member Champions at its Annual meeting in June and current Member Champions are:

- Community Safety – Councillor Jean Rigby
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion – Councillor Zamir Khan
- Health and Wellbeing – County Councillor Andrea Kay
- Road Safety – County Councillor Ron Woollam

Reports relating to the activity of the Member Champions are provided on a regular basis to the Authority. This report related to activity for the period June – August 2022. During this period all Champions had undertaken their respective role in accordance with defined terms of reference.

### **FIRE PROTECTION REPORTS**

The Authority discussed a report that summarised Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service prosecutions pertaining to fire safety offences and convictions resulting from 8 arson incidents which had progressed via the criminal justice process.

Fire Protection and Business Support information was also included in the report to provide Members with an update on the continually evolving regulatory position and how the Service was developing and adapting both its services and workforce to ensure it kept pace with the changes to keep public and firefighters safe in the built environment.

## **BUSINESS CONTINUITY**

The Chief Fire Officer provided Members with a brief summary of the responsibilities of the Combined Fire Authority with regards to business continuity and gave a broad overview of the background and current approach to business continuity in times of industrial action.

## **RE-APPOINTMENT OF CLERK TO THE AUTHORITY**

The Authority approved the re-appointment of Mr Mark Nolan as Clerk and Monitoring Officer to the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority for a period of twelve months, to the September meeting of the Authority in 2023.

DAVID O'TOOLE  
Chairman

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