

REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH, PUBLIC PROTECTION AND PFI TO THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2015

Report from Fire and Rescue Service:

Strategic partnership

As indicated previously, first year savings of £300,000 have been achieved with projected savings due to be met in line with the project plan.

Additionally, a significant part of the incident command alignment process has been completed, arrangements are also being put in place for the implementation of the first batch of shared tactical operational guidance across the Island and Hampshire. Furthermore, the team at Ryde's Fire Service Learning and Development Centre are working on a gap analysis of Hampshire's Maintenance of Competence and Workplace Assessment Scheme, alongside a review of training policies and courses.

People

Recruitment for retained duty system staff continues, with successful applicants from the first phase undertaking psychometric tests in Hampshire as part of the next phase of recruitment.

The 100 Here 100 There charity cycle ride team successfully completed their return trip from Caen in France to Monaco. The team was welcomed back to the Island with an event at Ryde Fire Station on Saturday 26 September.

Community safety

The team supported AgeUK IW during Falls Awareness Week, working alongside staff from AgeUK at all of the scheduled events throughout the week.

Exercises

The Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service (IWFRS) led on a multi-agency exercise to test response to a high priority national heritage site. Exercise Durbar was held at Osborne House on Sunday 27 September and involved staff from IWFRS and Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service working with site staff to deal with a simulated fire situation that involved the main building and required salvage operations to be put in place. The exercise was set up to test the Osborne House emergency procedures and protocols, evaluate assistance and support from mainland resources, test and evaluate the salvage and removal of high and special value items from a historical residence and test on site water supplies and communications amongst other aspects. Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service provided six fire appliances and a mobile command unit to support the exercise.

The service worked with partners to undertake a fire evacuation exercise at St Mary's Hospital on Monday 28 September. Working alongside Isle of Wight NHS Trust the fire and rescue service supported an emergency fire evacuation drill at

St Mary's Hospital to exercise pre-planning assumptions and enable hospital staff to simulate a response to a developing fire, putting in place evacuation procedures. Three fire appliances and the command unit with approximately 20 personnel attended the hospital during the exercise.

Operational Incidents

Since the last report, the fire and rescue service has attended numerous incidents across the island. Incidents of note which raised public and media interest included the following:

- Castle Lane, Carisbrooke – Road traffic collision persons trapped. Two fire appliances attended and one casualty was removed from a vehicle.
- Down Lane, Ventnor – Chemical suicide. Two fire appliances and a fire service hazardous materials advisor assisted ambulance and police to deal with the incident.
- Sandown Airport – Light aircraft crash. Three fire appliances, foam salvage vehicle and the heavy rescue appliance attended to deal with a fire following the crash. The pilot was dragged clear by members of the public prior to emergency services arriving on scene.
- Military Road, Freshwater – Road traffic collision persons trapped. Two fire appliances attended and one casualty was removed from a vehicle.
- River Medina, Newport – Rescue from water. Two fire appliances and heavy rescue appliance attended and assisted with the rescue of one adult.
- Furrongs, Newport – Domestic property fire. Two fire appliances attended to deal with a developed fire on the first floor of a property.

Report from Public Health

Sustainability

Public Health visited Portsmouth to explore 'Fair Share'. They hold two evenings a week and have bought into a franchise to enable them to use the existing contracts with large retailers to obtain food that would otherwise be destined for landfill. Following a sustainability meeting here, it is something that Public Health is now looking into.

Evaluation of My Life a Full Life (MLAFL)

The initial building blocks for developing evaluation frameworks for each work stream and key projects has begun in the form of logic models being started. The logic models are bespoke to each work stream and will form the basis of agreeing metrics and methods for collecting information about how each element of MLAFL powered by Vanguard is contributing to outcomes for systems, staff and ultimately people on the Island. We are also working closely with Age UK IOW and academics from Southampton and Bournemouth Universities to be at the leading edge of evaluation of Vanguard sites.

Epidemiology survey

A dental survey was carried out for children in year one of primary school. The data collected has been returned to Public Health England and is being analysed. Meanwhile, the results from the 2014 dental survey for children attending a special school have been published.

Family Wellbeing platform

Public Health is working on the programme plan and training/workforce development plan for the Family Wellbeing Platform (part of the Vanguard's prevention and early intervention work stream).

Service level agreements

Service level agreements with the leisure, events and libraries services are being finalised to deliver some of the key elements of the Family Wellbeing Platform.

IRIS service

The IRIS drug and alcohol service has now been delivering the new contract for a year on the 1/10 and is continuing to develop new services and is continuing to improve performance.

Pharmacy

We are working to identify how pharmacies can continue to develop and take on more health interventions within the community.

Sexual health

Working closely with the Integrated Sexual Health Service to manage increased demand on service. Working with GPs and wider sexual health providers (eg community pharmacists) to divert activity away from the acute setting.

Mental health

Working with all mental health providers to ensure that indicators are recognised in all commissioned work.

New work proposed with the MLAFL collaboration within the prevention and early intervention work stream. An audit of suicides undertaken on the Isle of Wight has been undertaken and final draft of audit report will be completed by mid-October for presentation to the suicide prevention and awareness group.

Workforce development

Working as part of MLFL workforce development team. Multi agency training, led by Public Health, for influencing the system programmes delivered by the Health Education Wessex.

Dementia

Public Health is part of the multiagency steering group. Working collaboratively with clinical commissioning group leads and Public Health England Wessex group to deliver robust best practice programmes for dementia and prevention support.

Health protection

Health protection is working with stakeholders to ensure overall uptake of flu vaccine this season improves especially for people with chronic conditions who can experience severe outcomes if they are infected.

Neglect

Public Health is drafting a neglect strategy for the council in partnership with the local safeguarding children's board. The aim of the strategy will be to act as a practical tool to support professionals in addressing neglect locally and in line with national guidance and recommendations.

Health visiting

Public Health is working with health visitors to organise a health visitor day on the theme of substance misuse. This was identified as a training need by health visitors.

Report from Regulatory Services

Environmental Health

Noise nuisance

The heavy engineering work being carried out to build the new Cowes breakwater, which generated a number of noise complaints from local residents has now been completed. This was controlled by restricted hours of working.

Trading Standards

Enforcement

The service participated in Operation Jasper which was a nationally organised operation by the National Trading Standards Board Intelligence and E Crime Team into counterfeit issues on social media. A case was reported to this service which has resulted in warrants being executed as part of an ongoing investigation. This has shown an excellent piece of partnership working with Isle of Wight police, Children's Services, and a representative from REACT UK (the anti-counterfeiting network).

Rogue traders

A number of rogue traders have been operating on the Island in recent weeks which has resulted in a number of ongoing investigations. If any elected member becomes aware of someone who has been targeted please contact Trading Standards to report the issue.

Community Safety

We would like to welcome Helen Turner to the Isle of Wight Council who is our new community safety manager.

Northwood Cemetery

The council, working in partnership with the Friends of Northwood Cemetery, announced last month that it had secured a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) of £1,685,100. The HLF have now given the project 'Permission to Start' and work has commenced.

Report of PFI Contract Management

Core investment period works

A significant number of both carriageway and footway schemes were completed and passed through to the independent certifier for certification. A number of CCTV replacement schemes were also submitted for certification. A certificate of completion for Milestone 4 for the footways within area 3 was issued on 7 September.

The process of assessing the evidence of completion for Milestone 5 has now commenced. Generally the works have been to a high standard although the independent certifier has identified a variation in texture of some of the 'as laid' footway surfaces. Island roads are examining these schemes further and the council will receive its report on it. Anti-skid material has been applied at several sites but the works are weather dependent.

Drainage works

Work on a major drainage scheme in Brighstone is due to commence imminently.

Street Cleansing and gully Cleansing

The street cleansing programme is now moving in to the winter schedule to tackle leaf fall. Gully cleansing has been undertaken on 86 per cent of the network.

Asda access

Design work on the new roundabout to St George's Way, Newport and the spine road is progressing well and should be substantially completed by the end of December. After Christmas the focus will move to the design works of associated further road improvements which were required via the section 106 agreement.

Wootton Bridge

Works for the permanent upgrading of the bridge are progressing well. Most of the relevant consents from external environmental agencies are in place. Subject to consent from the Maritime Marine Organisation works are scheduled to commence in mid-November running through to mid-February. The Island Roads mobile information centre will be located at the Lakeside Hotel prior to commencement and

appropriate information will be circulated to affected parties in advance of works commencing.

PFI Community Highway Fund

Paper for Executive in October. Lead officer has been working almost full time on waste contract for past three months, and therefore unable to complete the paper before this date. The work on this was not completed a year ago as has been suggested by Cllr Blezzard but has been the subject of general lack of officer capacity and, most recently, officer/management resource diverted to waste contract procurement process.

Undercliff:

The scheme is held up due to an unapproved road being built; the material used to construct 'road' contains asbestos, the removal of which has yet to be carried out (probable disposal off-Island).

In addition, the scheme is in a site of special scientific interest area, and also requires work to be carried out on (currently) land that does not belong to the council.

An ecological study asked for by Natural England has identified the possibility of nesting bats in trees which have to be removed to deliver current scheme.

The timeframe for (therefore essential) further studies are to be carried out during nesting time between May and September 2016. Alternative schemes have been asked for from service provider in light of this development.

It is not currently clear whether any other opportunity exists to modify scheme layout because of area designation and physical restrictions.

Resources

A civil engineering officer joined the PFI contract Management Team on 5 October and a further engineering officer is due to join in November. Further appropriate capacity is being sought from the existing officer base at County Hall which will then have increased officer capacity in PFI contract management by two and a half posts.

PFI contract

Negotiations have continued on disputed contractual matters and are now close to completion. A PFI Board meeting is planned for November where final matters will be discussed and any subsequent decisions taken. Due to commercial and partnership agreed sensitivity it is not possible to detail the exact extent of the discussions, or the exact detail of the contractual dispute publically at this stage. Further information to members could be made available following the board meeting.

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