

**REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER
FOR PUBLIC HEALTH, PUBLIC PROTECTION AND PFI
TO THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL
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Fire Service

Delivering Differently in Partnership (DDiP) Project

It has been 18 months since the partnership between Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service (HFRS) and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service (IWFRS) began. Significant work has been completed by many of our staff across all areas of the service.

Fire control – Formal notice has been sent to Surrey Fire and Rescue Service of our intention to move call handling and mobilisation from Joint Emergency Control Centre (JECC) in Surrey to the Network Fire Control Services Partnership Hampshire. A project team has now been convened and is starting the detailed work.

Community and road safety

Sixty-two home safety visits have been completed from the end of August until now and three talks have been given to outside agencies and social groups. More are planned over the next four weeks.

The Big Cuppa event at Cowes Yacht Haven was a very successful event with a high footfall. Discussions on home fire safety, older drivers and electrical awareness took place with a wide range of Island residents and good interagency networking.

Partnership working with Public Health's local area coordinators and health trainers is developing with opportunities for the team to run sessions from fire stations around the Island being investigated.

Mobility and the importance of eyesight checks on the ability of older drivers to spot potential hazards, were the main subjects for discussion, as we supported an older drivers' event in Newport

Schools education is now well under way for Years 2 and 5 and 'Head On' will be delivered to Years 10 and 11 at Medina College in the first week of November. Bikeability is still very popular with weekly courses booked until early December.

Speed awareness and driver distraction courses continue to see between 20 and 40 people a week and an older drivers' initiative is planned for this winter along with a motor cycle safety campaign.

Operational Incidents

In September there were 131 incidents of which 85 were 'critical calls' - of these 46 were fire rescue related and 39 medical co-responder.

Of the fire and rescue service calls, 15 were primary fires (one deliberate which involved arson of vehicle involved in criminal activity). There were 10 road traffic collisions attended in June (three month lag on data), resulting in five serious casualties - three on motorcycles, one car (drunk driver) and one pedal cycle. Powered two wheelers represent two per cent of Isle of Wight road users but accounted for 60 per cent of June's casualties. No under 18s injured in June.

Emergency Planning

Winter preparations:

- Engaging with key service areas, informing the development of a 'winter arrangements' document
- The review of the location specific element of the Multi-Agency Flood Plan.

Exercising:

- Supporting ICT in the delivery of an exercise to understand the impacts on service delivery due to disruption to buildings/ICT systems.
- Delivery of a table top exercise involving multi-agency partners, transport/utility providers and supermarkets - exploring ways in which participating organisations can contribute to a response
- Delivery of a table top exercise involving multi-agency partners - continuing to develop Island multi-agency response arrangements.
- Working with the military in the delivery of a live exercise to validate helicopter landing site arrangements.

Scheduled reviews of statutory plans relating to animal health and excess death/mass fatalities.

The potential integration of the council and NHS Isle of Wight emergency planning teams; in recognition of the similar statutory functions undertaken by both teams, discussions are taking place with regards to creating a joint resilience team.

Bereavement Services/Northwood Cemetery

After the successful award of a Heritage lottery bid to the Friends of Northwood Cemetery we are working in partnership on this exciting restoration project. The stabilisation of both chapels and their refurbishment is well underway. A number of memorials including the war memorial have been refurbished and the Island's first municipal woodland burial ground has been created.

School crossing patrols

The Isle of Wight Council has worked hard with local stakeholders to ensure that this valuable service would continue despite the budget pressures. After considerable negotiations almost all of the crossings have been maintained with the support and help of Island schools, town and parish councils, private donations and local companies.

Parking

Currently working on the strategy and policy for resident parking zones (RPZ) as part of the overall parking policy. General costs for implementation have been provided via Island Roads Contract Management Team and these will inform cost of implementing schemes where applicable. Consideration of individual resident cost setting for RPZ schemes is in progress.

Parking Team developing parameters and engagement for including local members in resident consultations which are required to establish viability of scheme(s).

PFI

Continuing dialogue over disputed areas of contract and latest milestone achievement still to be agreed and authorised.

Work is continuing on outstanding works register to reduce list length by prioritising works that impacts on safety of pedestrians and road users alike. Consideration being given to removing list completely and starting again with key requested work through town and parish councils and councillors forming the new works request list.

Advanced work continues on implementation of a 20mph speed limit in Godshill and following a number of other requests for such speed reductions, work is to begin on their consideration which will follow the set process of consultations and due considerations from all stakeholders. A briefing is being planned for the new year on the process involved and the scope of stakeholders. Costs for implementing schemes have yet to be developed as schemes will differ in cost dependent on local requirements and accrual rates into PFI contract can be added when known. As these works fall outside of PFI scope, budgetary amounts will have to be found and agreed before setting aside for the costs involved.

Island Roads is now half way through the seven year Core Investment Period and works are continuing in order that all roads and footways on the Island are brought up to the standards required by the contract. The contract's independent certifier has confirmed that the condition indices used to score each length of road and footway have been achieved for the current period. Island Roads is currently undertaking further works on structures and traffic signals to meet the upgrade requirements for the period.

Over the summer Island Roads has been operating two day crews and two night crews on carriageway schemes, but as the winter period approaches the volume of works will decrease due to the difficulties presented by lower temperatures and adverse weather. Island Roads is also involved in ongoing works at the development site on St George's Way, Newport as well as undertaking a substantial drainage scheme at Steyne Road in Bembridge following completion of another major drainage scheme at Guyers Road, Freshwater. Illuminated signs are also being upgraded on an ongoing basis, and Island Roads continues to carry out street cleansing, horticultural works, and general highway maintenance in accordance with the requirements of the contract.

Public Health

At present the Isle of Wight Public Health team commissions a range of health services which include: sexual health, substance misuse, school nursing and health visitors. The combined total value of each separate contract is just above £5.5 million per annum. In the face of significant financial pressures, a recognition of the need to better integrate service provision and a need to refocus performance towards outcomes rather than outputs the Isle of Wight Public Health team has decided to procure a single, integrated community public health service which will provide a more holistic, person centred and community approach. The maximum contract value of this service will be £3.5 million per year.

Public Health is actively involved in the communication work stream led by My Life a Full Life (MLFL).

As part of this Public Health has produced a one page full advert (funded by MLFL) in the County Press this week as part of the national Stoptober campaign. An editorial presents facts about smoking and residents are directed to an event organised by Public Health in Newport on 28 October.

In addition to this, a series of four events has been agreed in partnership with Leisure Services, Public Health, and Amey which will see greater community interaction throughout 2017/18.

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