

TITLE	Local Fire Service Update
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Community and Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 29 March 2021
WARD	None Specific;
LEAD OFFICER	Deputy Chief Executive - Graham Ebers

OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

To listen and engage with the Local Fire Service on the specific issues and challenges that they are facing and recognising the vital service that they provide to the community.

RECOMMENDATION

Following consideration of the update that the Committee:

- 1) Note the update from the Local Fire Service;
- 2) Identify areas for question and challenge;
- 3) Thank the Area Manager and the Central Hub Manager for attending the meeting.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

The update from the Area Manager and from the Local Hub Manager aims to provide a comprehensive overview of the Service as a whole, as well as identifying the specific issues and pressures that the service currently faces.

The presentation slides shall be sent out as “to follow” during the week commencing 22 March 2021.

Background

The Community and Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee are encouraged to engage with local services, such as the Fire Service, to help understand the challenges that they face. The Committee can then engage with the Fire Service in finding solutions to these challenges and identify areas where the Council can work more closely with the Fire Service to deliver a better service for the Borough's residents.

Analysis of Issues

The update from the Area Manager and the Central Hub Manager shall provide a comprehensive overview of the issues and challenges that the Fire Service faces.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

The Council faces severe funding pressures, particularly in the face of the COVID-19 crisis. It is therefore imperative that Council resources are focused on the vulnerable and on its highest priorities.

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	£0	Yes	R
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	£0	Yes	R
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	£0	Yes	R

Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision

N/A

Cross-Council Implications

The Fire Service provides vital support to residents throughout the Borough. Establishing positive and longstanding relationships across the Council with the Fire Service is key in allowing Wokingham Borough Council to support the valuable work that the Fire Service carries out.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Due regard has been given to WBC's duties under the Equality Act 2010.

Reasons for considering the report in Part 2

N/A

List of Background Papers

None

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