

ANNUAL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING, 25 MAY 2017

**REPORT OF THE
Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority**

PART II

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- 3.1 At its meeting on 21 February 2017, Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority received a presentation on Blue Light Collaboration. It was heard that Blue Light collaboration was at an advanced stage in Hampshire with respective areas of skills and expertise being used, a focus on mutual understanding and sustainable long-term outcomes. Particular structures and areas of joint working were identified in particular around providing support for vulnerable people. It was noted that as well as working together with other services at a people level, there were opportunities to share specialist equipment and resources.
- 3.2 The Authority received a report regarding the potential to expand the existing Combined Fire Authority of Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton to include the Isle of Wight Fire Authority. Proposals were made in the context of the new Policing and Crime Act and the duty to collaborate placed on Fire Authorities, as well as service level alignment between the Authorities resulting from two years of strategic partnership. It was agreed to authorise the Chief Officer to investigate a business case for the Fire Authority's consideration and to present back to the Authority in December 2017 for further decision.
- 3.3 Following consideration by the Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee, the Authority received an update on the progress made to date with regards to Fire as a Health Asset. This emphasised in particular that Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority are fully committed in continuing to support the health partnership work with the goal of ensuring the most effective and efficient service to the public.

Further details on these items can be found at the following link:

- [HFRA 21 February 2017](#)

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Chairman of Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority