



## Emergency Services Collaboration Notes for Fire Scrutiny

- **Newent and Winchcombe Fire and Police stations**
  - Following operational scoping exercise, Winchcombe and Newent are the first fire stations identified as suitable locations for joint-basing.
  - Will see Neighbourhood Policing teams and Local Policing Team (response units) using facilities at fire stations. Local policing teams could now start and finish their shifts at the new hub, going out on patrol in both vehicles and on foot and returning for meal breaks. Teams could also use the building for pre-arranged appointments or meetings with the public and other agencies.
  - They can also serve as bases for local Special Constables and Volunteer Police Community Support Officers which the Police and Crime Commissioner and Constabulary are working to expand.
  - Opportunities for joint training between police and fire teams, and improved security for Fire Stations.
  - Approval provided by GCC Property Board
  - No change in GFRS use of site and no additional cost to GCC/ GFRS. There will be no custody facilities at these sites.
  
- **Opportunity to share space at Cheltenham West CFS**
  - Significant costs would be involved were any physical works required as this would need to be negotiated with the PFI provider.
  - However, following the committee's suggestion, discussions are now underway with the PFI lead for GCC whether it would be possible, and operationally beneficial, for the Constabulary to have a similar arrangement at Cheltenham West as has been demonstrated with SWAFT at Gloucester South.
  - Visibility of the Constabulary and ability to deploy, particularly in Bishops Cleeve, would be the main objective for this work, so that will need to be examined closely.
  - Shared use of the space will also be considered as part of the shared access to buildings workstream that is currently underway as part of the collaboration work.
  
- **Joint involvement in CFO and DCFO recruitment.**
  - OPCC Chief Executive took part in of the interview panel for the recruitment of the DCFO position.
  - PCC was part of the interview panel for CFO.
  
- **Gloucestershire emergency services collaboration board**
  - Board has been re-established after a long period of abeyance.
  - Has so far met twice, with attendance from GCC Cabinet Member, PCC and DPCC, Chief Fire and Police Officers.
  - Permanent membership to be determined once new DCFO is in post.
  - SWASFT have now joined the board, and are keen to see where collaboration or best practice can be developed and deployed, building on work already done with GFRS.
  - Action plan being developed based around five areas of work:

1. Training, leadership, health & wellbeing (may need to separate health & wellbeing)
2.Operational collaboration and prevention
3.Estate
4.Capabilities

5. Communications
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- **Road Safety work**
  - GFRS, OPCC, GCC and Constabulary all sit on the now formally launched Road Safety Partnership. Re-starting collaboration work that has simply not been happening up to now.
  - Combined communications work, sharing messages and look and feel of campaigns. Work to progress further.
  - The very successfully What if...? Campaign planning for next year has begun. Admin support transferred to GFRS with full support from OPCC. Schools are in the process of being contacted using a jointly approved letter. A new Road Safety Co-ordinator has been appointed by GFRS and due to start in December.
- **Plans for joint preventative work- a joint leaflet on self-help**
  - New work stream established at last collaboration board.
  - Discussions underway to explore prevention work through a joint leaflet. This would be for prevention and community safety.
  - Documentation will be made available to public at community events eg community engagement vehicles/ appliance attendance at events to make sure that consistent messages on safety are getting to the public.
- **Joint working between our cadet units and mini-police**
  - New work stream established at last collaboration board.
  - Police and Fire keen to explore opportunities with youths- mini cops, fire cadets and police cadets to work together, explore joint training and sports/ adventurous training opportunities.
- **Table top exercise for a major incident planned**
  - Ongoing operational collaboration through Local resilience forum to ensure best response in the event of major incidents.
- **Community Safety Partnership level local collaboration between officers, taking a problem solving approach**
  - Currently under Superintendent Roddy Gosden. He has already met with temp GM's Richard Lockyer and Kevin Adcock from GFRS.
  - Funded through OPCC secured Safer Streets Funding, via the Home Office.
  - Holistic ASB training for partners.
  - Alongside rolling out Solace and investing in Community Triggers, we want to ensure all partners with a role to play in preventing and tackling ASB know what can be achieved through working in partnership to solve problems collectively. To achieve this we will be providing training for frontline workers from Local Authorities, the Constabulary, Social Landlords, voluntary and community groups, Councillors, the local Fire and Rescue Service, etc.
  - The training will draw on the work from [Professor Herman Goldstein](#) which places an emphasis on understanding why a problem is occurring, the development of a tailored response and an assessment of the effects of the response. Attendees will be encouraged to think of the tools and powers at their disposal to prevent, intervene take action when ASB does occur by using a real-life situations in their area.
  - Representatives from the local areas attending the training will then share their learning with their partners to support future problem solving activity.
- **Vulnerability visits.**

- Ongoing work to discover how local teams who carry out home visits, Neighbourhood police teams etc, can be trained to spot vulnerability in residents such as falls, home security and home fires etc. and share best practice, or refer for specialist visit from partner agency.
- **Leadership training**
  - Fire officers attend Constabulary's 'Supportive leadership and wellbeing programme' at the Leadership Academy in the Sabrina Centre.
  - Very successful collaboration, with positive feedback from all attendees about joint learning opportunities. From Sergeant/ staff supervisor and fire equivalents up.
  - HMICFRS were very positive about the opportunities this presented.
- **Additional work**
  - Asset mapping to support in operational delivery- eg RTC scene use of major incident shelters through SWASFT, deployment of volunteers