

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMISSION (CRIME AND DISORDER COMMITTEE)
4 SEPTEMBER 2014**

**ROYAL BERKSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE
Assistant Chief Executive**

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report provides background information for the meeting of the Crime and Disorder Committee with the Chief Fire Officer of the Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service (RBFRS).

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **That the Overview and Scrutiny Commission meets Andy Fry (Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive) and Julie Waterworth (Community Safety Co-ordinator) of the Royal Berkshire Fire And Rescue Service (RBFRS), with reference to the implications for Bracknell Forest residents and businesses of:**

- **The context for RBFRS – including the budgetary position;**
- **the Service’s new policy direction – including future plans and priorities;**
- **and**
- **the role and contribution of the Service to community safety locally.**

3 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Police and Justice Act 2006 requires every local authority to have a ‘Crime and Disorder Committee’ with the power to review and scrutinise, and make reports or recommendations, regarding the functioning of the responsible authorities of the local Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership/Community Safety Partnership. Under the Council’s Constitution, the O&S Commission is designated as the Council’s Crime and Disorder Committee.
- 3.2 The RBFRS is a major partner organisation in the Community Safety Partnership and the Bracknell Forest Partnership, and has not previously attended a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission/Crime and Disorder Committee.
- 3.3 To assist the Commission’s deliberations, attached to this report are:
- RB Fire Authority’s stated commitments to the people of Berkshire
 - Extracts from the RB Fire Authority’s Annual Report 2013/14 and Action plan 2014/15
 - The RBFRS consultation document concerning the proposed removal of one of the fire engines at Bracknell fire station

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED/ ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS/ EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT/ STRATEGIC RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES / OTHER OFFICERS/ CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Not applicable.

Unrestricted

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