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**REPORT AUTHORS: DEPUTY CHIEF FIRE OFFICER****SUBJECT: BLUE LIGHT COLLABORATION**

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Background Papers: Blue Light Workstream update Document.

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Implications (tick ✓):

LEGAL	✓	FINANCIAL	
HUMAN RESOURCES		EQUALITY IMPACT	
ENVIRONMENTAL		POLICY	✓
CORPORATE RISK	Known	OTHER (please specify)	
	New	CORE BRIEF	

*Any implications affecting this report are noted at the end of the report.*

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**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the current status of Blue Light collaboration workstreams

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

1. That Members acknowledge the content of the report.
  2. That Members note that a formal process of Internal Audit of BFRS collaboration Governance arrangements and project management is due to commence on 24 July and be of 3 days duration.
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**1 Background**

- 1.1 The Policing and Crime Act 2017 provides a mandate for Blue Light services to achieve closer working, collaboration and integration where appropriate in the interests of greater transparency, efficiency gains and provide improved value to the tax payer. This report provides an update on the workstreams currently in progress and being delivered jointly and primarily between Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue and Bedfordshire Police. East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust are also partners in one of the operational initiatives and in estate joint occupancy.

- 1.2 The Project is managed through a Project Board which benefits from joint Chair arrangements between Deputy Chief Fire Officer and Deputy Chief Constable. It is this Project Board and its means of delivery of collaborative service improvements together with its Governance arrangements which are being audited in July 2017.

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## Blue Light Collaboration update

### Project Management

- Management Group Continues to meet monthly and alternating Police/Fire Chair and host premises at DCFO and DCC level.
- Police have appointed a full time Collaboration liaison commenced in post 19<sup>th</sup> June.
- New jointly branded Project paperwork designed and agreed.

### Estates:

#### **OPE funded joint Headquarters**

- Final draft of bid agreed and will be submitted in July.
- Agreement to form a separate working group for this project rather than Blue Light Collaboration group managing it.
- **Ampthill**
  - An additional PCSO has joined the team. Now 2 x PCSO and Police Officer x 1.
  - 6 NHS Clinical staff are now using the car park. Severe parking in the Health Centre car park and the local area meant that the clinicians had found it virtually impossible to park. This impacted upon their service delivery times.
  - There are further talks taking place about placing a portakabin on station land to provide some limited NHS services. This may occur whilst some local redevelopment and change of use of local buildings takes place as the NHS restructures its services.
- **Shefford**
  - Waiting Police Broadband and wi-fi
  - Waiting Photocall to be organised
- **Leighton Buzzard**
  - A meeting at the station on 30<sup>th</sup> June to review available options is planned. The Community Policing plan for the town was amended in April and an increase in size of the local Police team occurred. We need to review our capacity and facilities in light of that to identify any options.

- **Harrold**
  - Station now removed from all consideration as Police do not have an identified need to use it.
- **Luton**
  - Police hotdesking x 3 in SAO agreed with GC Foolkes.
  - Waiting police to install Broadband and wi-fi.
  - Waiting Police to provide identification of their officers wishing to use facility.
  - BFRS staff hotdesking in Police Station is an option following security clearances and the process for this being identified. Meeting with HR planned to take forward.
- **Barkers Lane Bedford**
  - Police moved in and now operational.
  - Further works to upgrade the room and furniture in progress.
  - Midshires Search and Rescue have commenced the vehicle garaging arrangement.
  - Road Victims Trust has moved into NAO and is now working there full time.

#### **Bury Park Community Centre, Luton**

- Fully agreed with new management.
- Waiting office painting and signage.
- Signage agreed all parties and sanctioned by Blue Light Collaboration Project Group.
- Photocall with PCC, FRA, senior BFRS/Police and Community leaders will be organised when completed.

**NB.** There are currently no agreements for provision for Police front desks in any of the co-location sites.

#### **Co-responding**

- The trial continues with Leighton Buzzard and Biggleswade station personnel responding as required.
- BFRS waiting national developments and information to inform next steps of trial.

#### **Body Worn Cameras**

- Draft Policy in consultation.
- Equality Assessment – completed.
- Expected to be deployed operationally for trial in July.

### **Searching for Vulnerable missing persons.**

- Currently being evaluated and BFRS working with Police to validate the data.
- The collaboration will continue with the benefit of learning from the evaluation.

### **Forced entry**

- Currently being evaluated and FRS working with Police and EEAST to validate data.
- Collaboration will continue and benefiting from good communications between Police and Fire Control rooms to share data.

### **Reporting of Arson**

- Work currently being undertaken to identify the reasons for reported arson figures being different across BFRS and Police systems.

### **Drone(s)**

- Drone specification reviewed and upgraded in light of new information from CFOA Drone Communities Group and national working party.
- Waiting Privacy Impact Assessment, Policy and Equality Evaluation
- Procurement of Drone to commence October.
- BFRS/Police Responsibilities re meeting running costs clarified.

### **Joint Chaplaincy**

- Bishop has been approached by DCC Colbourne informally to seek his views on how to approach this, given previous absence of response to recruitment advert.
- DCC Colbourne now to write formally to Bishop with request to source a Joint Chaplaincy provision as part of Parish income generation.