

Minutes of the meeting of the Essex Police, Fire and Crime Panel: Ethics and Integrity Sub-Committee, held online on Monday, 16 November 2020

**Present****Representing**

John Gili-Ross	Independent Member
Cllr Godfrey Isaacs	Castle Point Borough Council
Cllr Wendy Schmitt (Chairman)	Braintree District Council

**Also present**

Pippa Brent-Isherwood	Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer, Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex
Victoria Freeman	Senior Democratic Services Officer and Clerk to the meeting
BJ Harrington	Chief Constable, Essex Police
Roger Hirst	Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner
Rick Hylton	Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Essex
Andy Prophet	Assistant Chief Constable, Essex Police

**1 Membership, Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Malcolm Maddocks, Essex County Council.

There were no declarations of interest.

**2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 31 October 2019 were approved as an accurate record by those present.

**3 Development of the National Fire Standards Board**

The Sub-Committee received report EISC/01/20 from Deputy Chief Fire Officer Rick Hylton, reporting on the development of the National Fire Standards Board for Fire and Rescue Services.

In response to questions from Members it was noted that:

- The programme was being developed over the next three years. The Phase 1 delivery plan was set out in the report and was being managed through the board. However, it was explained that the pandemic had slowed down the process.
- The plan was to develop the initial standards required and then regularly update them. Some of the challenges would be to ensure the

infrastructure and resources are in place. It would be an ongoing continuing programme of work, regularly reviewed and updated.

**RESOLVED:**

That members of the Sub-Committee noted the report.

**4 Operation Maple -Learning the Lessons**

The Sub-Committee received report EISC/02/20 from Assistant Chief Constable Andy Prophet, Essex Police, to provide a debrief on Operation Maple. It was noted that there was a confidential appendix to the report.

Exclusion of the Press and Public

**Resolved:**

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during further consideration of this item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information, as specified in paragraph 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, namely it contained information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of a crime.

The Sub-Committee received and noted the presentation on Operation Maple – Learning the Lessons.

**5 Date of Next Meeting**

The date and time of the next meeting to be arranged.

**Chairman**