

**HERTFORDSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE – UPDATE FOLLOWING IP  
SCRUTINY (2017) ON RESPONDING TO MEDICAL INCIDENTS AND DAY  
CREWED PLUS FIRE STATIONS**

*Report of the Head of Scrutiny*

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**1. Purpose of report**

1.1 At the Integrated Plan (IP) scrutiny in January 2017 Members of the county council were informed of two initiatives undertaken by Hertfordshire Fire & Rescue Service (HFRS)

- Training for Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Crews to Respond to Medical Incidents
- Day Crewed Plus Fire Stations

At its meeting following the IP scrutiny Overview & Scrutiny Committee (OSC) invited the chief fire officer to attend a future committee meeting and provide further information.

**2. Summary**

2.1 Fire & Rescue staff have received additional training to provide first responder cover to provide assistance to the East of England Ambulance Service (EEAST). This has been piloted in a number of areas across the county as part of a regional initiative. It has shown a number of positive benefits. Report attached as Appendix 1.

2.2 The Day Crewing Plus system is an alternative method of staffing fire stations that can achieve savings. Report attached as Appendix 2

2.3 The Chief Fire Officer will attend OSC on 29 September 2017 to address the report and answer member questions.

2.4 Both are information items to assist members understanding of both the co responders pilot and the day crew plus initiative. Neither are a scrutiny issue.

**3. Recommendations**

3.1 Members of OSC are asked to note the reports.

#### **4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1 Any financial implications will be for the service and the Community Safety & Waste Cabinet Panel to consider.

#### **Background Information**

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