

CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY

MEETING OF: PERFORMANCE AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE
DATE: 7TH SEPTEMBER 2022
REPORT OF: HEAD OF PREVENTION AND PROTECTION
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SUBJECT: SAFETY CENTRAL ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22

Purpose of Report

1. To present a review of the performance of Safety Central, the Service's safety and lifeskills education centre, between April 1st 2021 and March 31st 2022.

Recommended: That

- [1] Members review and consider the information presented in this report.

Background

2. This is Safety Central's fourth annual report. Its briefer format is due to the phased re-introduction of the centre's activity during 2021/22.

Information

3. The report comprises four key sections to provide an overview of Safety Central's work over the last 12 months: an update of the staff team and volunteer programme; re-opening of the educational programmes; performance; and plans for the future.

Financial Implications

4. Safety Central's revenue costs are met from the Prevention Department budget. An annual grant of £10,000 from SP Energy Networks supports the running of the volunteer ranger programme, 50% - £5,000 was received this financial year. However, volunteer costs are currently significantly lower owing to much-reduced mileage claims and in-person training days.

Legal Implications

5. There are no legal implications associated with this report.

Equality and Diversity Implications

6. Safety Central's facilities and learning programmes were subject to full Equality Impact Assessments (EIA) during the development phase. All lesson plans are underpinned by 'EIAs', which were reviewed during the course of the year.

Environmental Implications

7. There are no environmental implications to consider as part of this paper.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: 'SAFETY CENTRAL ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22'