

## Appendix 3



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### National Apprenticeships Week 5 to 9 March 2018

Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service is marking National Apprenticeships Week 2018 with a series of events which seek to promote our apprenticeship programmes externally, and celebrate our successes to date.

The main events are:

#### **Monday 5 March 2018**

The Chairman of the Fire Authority - Councillor Roger Reed, SC Charlie Turner, FF Georgina Randall and myself are representing the service at the Joint Fire and Police National **Apprenticeships Widening Participation** event in London. The Minister of State for Policing and the Fire Service, Nick Hurd, is attending for part of the day.

Buckinghamshire FRS has played a key role in designing this event with Police colleagues and the National Apprenticeships Service. We will be running the final session of the day, 'Changing Perceptions', with Georgina presenting.

We will update you further after the event.

#### **Tuesday 6 March 2018**

The team responsible for apprenticeships at HQ will be hosting an **Apprentice Networking Event** in **Meeting Room 1 between 15:00 and 17:00.**

All our current apprentices have been invited to HQ on Tuesday afternoon to meet each other and members of the apprenticeship team. This invitation is also open to all staff who would like to find out more about the apprenticeship programmes we deliver. There is no set agenda. It will be a relaxed and informal environment in which to ask questions and contribute ideas for developing future apprenticeships across the service.

Drinks and nibbles will be provided so, hopefully, you will be able to pop in for some of the session.

#### **Wednesday 7 March 2018**

The Fire Authority endorsed our membership application to the National Apprenticeships Diversity Champions Network (ADCN) at its 14 February 2018 meeting.

Our membership is now approved and we are the first Fire or Police Service to join. Membership involves signing and publicising a pledge and we will be

reinforcing this pledge and ensuring all colleagues and our key stakeholder partners are aware of it. The pledge statements fit well with our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion priorities for 2018.

The ADCN celebrates its one year anniversary on Wednesday 7 March 2018 and is holding an event for all members at the House of Commons, 10 am to 12 noon. As the latest new member, we have received a short notice invitation.

The Apprenticeships and Skills Minister, Anne Milton, and Helen Grant MP, Chair of the ADCN, will both be speaking at this event.

The Chief Fire Officer, SC Charlie Turner and Elias Williams – Operational Assurance Apprentice, are representing the service at this event and will provide an update on their return.

### **Thursday 8 March 2018**

The Chairman and the Chief Fire Officer, accompanied by officers and apprentices, are attending the launch of Buckinghamshire FRSs Management Apprenticeships Programme. Initially, this programme is open to those who have successfully completed the pilot Aspiring Leadership Programme in 2017, and the first apprenticeships programmes are scheduled for April.

This launch event is being held between 6.00-7.30 pm at the University Campus Aylesbury Vale (UCAV).

### **Friday 9 March 2018**

The MP for Milton Keynes North, Mark Lancaster, will be visiting Broughton Fire Station to meet a number of our Firefighter apprentices, learn about our apprenticeship programme, and discuss further opportunities to engage with the local community.