

**Draft Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of
Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority
held on Tuesday, 28 June 2016, at 2.00 pm
in the Oak Room at Headquarters, Shrewsbury**

Present:

Members

Councillors Barnes, Carter (Vice-Chair), Hartin, Hosken, Hurst-Knight, Dr Jones, Murray, Ms Pinter, Price, Turley, West (Chair) and Wynn

Officers

Chief Fire Officer John Redmond, Deputy Clerk and Monitoring Officer Matthew Cumberbatch, Corporate Support Manager Sharon Lloyd and Executive Support Officer Lynn Ince

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Adams, Mrs Barrow, Mellings and Roberts. Councillor Minnery did not attend the meeting.

2 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

The Chair reminded Members that they must not participate in the discussion of, or voting on, any matter, in which they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and that they should leave the room prior to commencement of the debate.

No disclosable pecuniary interests were declared.

3 Local Government Act 1972

It was proposed by Councillor Dr Jones, seconded by Councillor Turley, and

Resolved that, under section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined by the provisions of Part I of Schedule 12(A) to the Act, by virtue of Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3.

4 Appointment of Chief Fire Officer (Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3)

This report asked the Fire Authority to ratify the decision of its Brigade Managers' Employment Panel on the appointment of a new Chief Fire Officer, to delegate power to the Panel to commence the recruitment process for the resulting Brigade Manager vacancy, reporting back to the Authority with its recommendations for appointment, and to decide which Members should participate in the interview process.

Councillor Hurst-Knight proposed that the Recruitment Panel should remain as the Panel that undertook the interviews for the Chief Fire Officer position, namely Councillors Adams, Carter, Hartin, Turley and West. This was seconded by Councillor Price and agreed unanimously.

Members did query what would happen in the case of Panel Members being unavailable. Officers offered assurance to Members that the dates for the selection process would be based on Member availability and therefore this situation was unlikely to occur.

It was proposed by Councillor Price, seconded by Councillor Carter, and

Resolved unanimously that the Fire Authority

- a) Ratify the appointment of Rod Hammerton, currently Deputy Chief Fire Officer of Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service, to the post of Chief Fire Officer;
- b) Delegate power to its Brigade Managers' Employment Panel to commence the recruitment process for the resulting Brigade Manager vacancy, reporting back to the Authority with its recommendations for appointment; and
- c) Agree that Councillors Adams, Carter, Hartin, Turley and West participate in the interviews.

The Deputy Chief Fire Officer joined the meeting at this point (2.10 pm).

The Chair and the Chief Fire Officer congratulated Mr Hammerton on his appointment to the post of Chief Fire Officer.

The meeting returned to open session at this point (2.15 pm).

5 Presentation to Chief Fire Officer John Redmond

As this was the last full Fire Authority meeting to be attended by Chief Fire Officer Redmond prior to his retirement, a presentation was made to him by the Chair of the Authority.

The meeting closed at 2.25 pm.

Chair.....

Date.....