

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority
Strategy and Resources Committee
Held in the Oak Room at Headquarters, Shrewsbury
on Thursday, 1 April 2015 at 2.00 pm**

Present

Members

Councillors Mrs Barrow, Carter (Chair), Hartin (Vice-Chair) and West

Officers

Chief Fire Officer, Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Head of Finance, Corporate Support Manager and Planning and Performance Manager

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Minnery, Miss Reynolds and Thompson.

2 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

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

No Disclosable Pecuniary Interests were declared.

3 Minutes

Members received the minutes of the Strategy and Resources Committee meeting, held on 5 February 2015

It was proposed by Councillor West, seconded by Councillor Mrs Barrow and

Resolved that the minutes of the Strategy and Resources Committee meeting, held on 5 February 2015, be agreed and signed by the Chair as a correct record

4 Public Questions

No questions, statements or petitions had been received from members of the public.

5 Committee Work Plan 2015/16

This report reviewed progress against the Strategy and Resources Committee 2014/15 Work Plan and put forward a 2015/16 Work Plan for consideration and approval by Members.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Barrow, seconded by Councillor Hartin and

Resolved that Members:

- a) Note progress made against the Strategy and Resources Committee 2014/15 Work Plan; and
- b) Approve the Work Plan for 2015/16 without amendment

6 Committee Terms of Reference

This report proposed some minor amendments to the Terms of Reference of the Strategy and Resources Committee for consideration and recommendation to the Fire Authority, following the annual review conducted by officers.

It was proposed by Councillor West, seconded by Councillor Mrs Barrow and

Resolved that the proposed amendment to the Committee's Terms of Reference, set out at section 4 of the report, be agreed and recommended to the Fire Authority

7 Review of Member Role Descriptions

This report asked Members to review the Role Descriptions for the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Strategy and Resources Committee and the Chair of the Strategic Risk and Planning Working Group.

Councillor Carter asked whether the proposed deletion of reference to IRMP and replacement with Strategic Risk and Planning processes would have any implications with the Department of Communities and Local Government. The Chief Fire Officer replied that it would not.

The Committee noted that, although the Working Group would no longer be involved in consultations with staff, it still had a very important role to play in the strategic planning process. Councillor Mrs Barrow felt that Members should still be able to visit stations, if they wished. Councillor Carter added that during the Public Value process the Group had undertaken to provide feedback to staff about changes in shift systems. The Chief Fire Officer responded that Members were welcome to participate in the meetings, which he and the Deputy and Assistant Chief Fire Officers attended at each station.

It was proposed by Councillor West, seconded by Councillor Hartin and

Resolved that Members agree:

- a) The Role Descriptions for Chair and Vice-Chair of the Strategy and Resources Committee without amendment; and
- b) The proposed change to the Role Description for Chair of the Strategic Risk and Planning Working Group

8 Public Value Targets 2015/16

This report presented the proposed Public Value measures and targets for 2015/16.

The Deputy Chief Fire Officer explained the rationale behind the proposed changes to the targets and, in particular, that, although they needed to be stretching, they should be realistic and achievable.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Barrow, seconded by Councillor West and

Resolved that the Committee agree the proposed changes to the Public Value measures and performance targets for 2015/16, as set out in the report

The meeting closed at 2.25 pm.

Chair.....

Date.....