

# Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority

## Meeting at 2.00 pm on Wednesday, 9 February 2010

### at Shropshire Education and Conference Centre, Shrewsbury

Please note the venue for this meeting, a map for which is attached.

## Agenda

### 1 Apologies for Absence

### 2 Declarations of Interest

Members are reminded that they should declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests at this point and that they should leave the meeting room before any item, in which they have a prejudicial interest, is discussed.

### 3 Minutes

#### For decision

Members are asked to agree the minutes, marked **3**, of the Fire Authority meeting, held on 15 December 2010, and that they be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

### 4 Public Questions

Members are asked to receive any questions, statements or petitions, of which notice has been received, from members of the public.

### 5 Strategy and Resources Committee Non-Exempt Minutes

#### For decision

Members are asked to receive the non-exempt minutes of the Strategy and Resources Committee meeting, held on 20 January 2011, attached marked **5**, and consider, and **decide upon, the recommendations at items 5, 7 and 9**. The reports relating to these items are attached, marked **5a, 5b and 5c** respectively.

Please note that the appendix to paper 5c (Capital Programmes 2011/12 to 2015/16) is an exempt document. It will, therefore, be necessary to move into closed session at this point to consider the recommendation relating to this appendix.

### 6 Local Government Act 1972

Members are asked to consider a resolution under section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that they involve 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 3 and 4.

### 7 Capital Programmes 2011/12 to 2015/16 (paragraph 3)

#### For decision

Members are asked to receive and agree the paper Capital Programmes 2011/12 to 2015/16 (the appendix to paper 5c), attached marked **7**.

## **8 Strategy and Resources Committee Exempt Minutes (paragraphs 3 and 4)**

### **For information**

Members are asked to receive and note the exempt minutes of the Strategy and Resources Committee meeting, held on 20 January 2011, attached marked **8**.

At this point the meeting will revert to open session.

## **9 Revenue Budget, Capital Programme and Medium Term Financial Planning**

### **For decision**

This report, attached marked **9**, incorporates the recommendations made by the Strategy and Resources Committee on 20 January 2011 for the Authority's 2011/12 budget, updates the figures for changes since then, and outlines the consequences for medium term financial planning.

A draft Medium Term Corporate Plan (referred to in section 7 on page 6 of the report) can be found on the Service website by selecting the following link:  
<https://www.shropshirefire.gov.uk/managing-the-service/budgets-and-finance/finance-documents>

## **10 Revenue Budget: 2011/12 Precept**

### **For decision**

This report, attached marked **10**, seeks Fire Authority approval to a budget for 2011/12; Council Tax levels for 2011/12; and precepts on billing authorities and related matters.

## **11 Annual Review of Charges - Special Services**

### **For decision**

The Fire Authority reviews annually, the charge it makes for special services from 1 April. Details of the current charges, which are estimated to produce £10,000 a year, are set out on the paper, attached marked **11**.

Charges have been increased, in recent years, to reflect additional costs to the Fire Authority of providing these services. These are mainly staff costs, and the increase has been agreed at the level of the firefighters' pay award. In the current financial climate, and, given that to date there has been no pay increase during 2010/11, it is recommended that charges remain at their current level in 2011/12.

## **12 FiReControl Project Update**

### **For decision**

This report, attached marked **12**, sets out a summary overview of the key issues and matters arising from the recent decision announced by the Coalition Government to cancel the FiReControl project. It is not an exhaustive report, as the repercussions from the announcement are currently being considered within several arenas of the fire sector.

## **13 Home Fire Safety Visits Programme**

### **For information**

Members will be aware of the outcomes of the Public Value process and the changes that need to be made to meet the reduction in the Service budget in the coming years. This report, attached marked **13**, is intended to inform Members of the future policy with regard to home fire safety risk visits.

Please note that details of complaints made about, and compliments received by, Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service are available at every meeting of the Fire Authority for Members to peruse. Please ask Lynn Ince, if you would like to look at them.

Compliments and thank you letters can also be viewed on the Service's website on the following link:

<http://www.shropshirefire.gov.uk/engine.php/managing-the-service/compliments-and-thanks.htm>