

Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority

Meeting at the Shropshire Education and Conference Centre, on Wednesday, 13 June 2007

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

Agenda

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Appointment of Vice-Chair

As Councillor Morgan, who held the office of Vice-Chair, is no longer a Member of the Fire Authority, Members are asked to appoint a new Vice-Chair to hold office until the Annual Meeting in July.

3 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 before any item, in which they have a prejudicial interest, is discussed.

4 Minutes

Members are asked to agree the minutes of the Fire Authority meeting, held on 25 April 2007, and that they be signed by the Chair as a correct record. Attached marked 4. **For decision**

5 Public Questions

To receive any questions, statements or petitions, of which notice has been received, from members of the public.

6 Standards Committee

Members are asked to receive the minutes of the Standards Committee meeting, held on 16 April 2007, and **agree the recommendation at items 5**. Attached marked 6. **For decision**

7 Strategy and Resources Committee

Members are asked to receive the non-exempt minutes of the Strategy and Resources Committee meeting, held on 24 May 2007. Attached marked 7 **For decision**

8 Allocation of Seats on Committees to Political Groups and Membership of the Standards Committee

This report advises the Fire Authority of the need to reallocate seats on its committees to political groups, following the local elections at Borough of Telford & Wrekin. The report also asks the Fire Authority to agree the membership of, and nominate Members to, its Standards Committee. Attached marked 8. **For decision**

9 Review of Code of Corporate Governance

This report requests Members to agree and adopt the proposed Code of Corporate Governance for Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority following the annual review conducted by officers. Attached marked 9. **For decision**



10 Member Champion Presentations

The following Members will give their second presentations to the Fire Authority:

10a Councillor Dr Drummond, Young People's Champion

10b Councillor Picken, Lead Member for Civil Resilience For information

11 Statement of Accounts 2006/07

This report informs Members of the 2006/07 closure of accounts, and asks the Fire Authority to approve formally the Statement of Accounts 2006/07, attached as an appendix. Attached marked **11. For decision**

12 Statement on Internal Control

This report asks the Fire Authority to formally approve the Statement on Internal Control (SIC) 2006/07, which must be included as part of the Statement of Accounts 2006/07. It also asks Members to formally approve the SIC Improvement Plan 2007/08. Attached marked **13. For decision**

13 Performance Plan 2007/08

This report advises Members of the statutory obligation set out in the Local Government Act 1999 that requires fire and rescue authorities to prepare and publish an annual Performance Plan by no later than the end of June each year. Attached marked **14. For decision**

14 Medium Term Financial Plan

Attached marked **15. For decision**

15 Response to OneCouncil Business Case Consultation

This report presents the response to the OneCouncil consultation by Communities and Local Government. It reflects the discussions at the last Fire Authority meeting and includes changes following discussions with the Chief Executive of Shropshire County Council by the Chair, Chief Fire Officer and Deputy Chief Fire Officer. Attached marked **16. For information**

16 Audit Commission Consultation Exercise: Transition to Comprehensive Area Assessment

In 2009 the current Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) arrangements for auditing of local public sectors services will superseded by Comprehensive Area Assessments (CAA). CAA will develop a shared view about the challenges facing an area, such as crime, community cohesion, a sustainable environment or public health issues and will also create a more joined up and proportionate approach to public service regulation.

This paper informs Members of the Audit Commission's consultation proposals regarding the transition from CPA to CAA and a proposed response prepared on behalf of the Fire Authority. Attached marked **17. For decision**

17 Local Government Act 1972

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 12A to the Act, by virtue of paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 and of confidential information.

18 Strategy and Resources Committee

Members are asked to receive the exempt minutes of the Strategy and Resources Committee meeting, held on 24 May 2007. Attached marked **18 For information**

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 either Lynn Ince or Sharon Lloyd, if you would like to look at them.

Compliments can also be viewed on the Service's website on the following link:

<http://www.shropshirefire.gov.uk/management/compliments.htm>

Definitions of Exempt Information Local Government Act 1972 – Schedule 12A

Part 1 Descriptions of Exempt Information: England

Paragraph 1

Information relating to any individual

Paragraph 2

Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual

Paragraph 3

Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding the information)

Paragraph 4

Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority

Paragraph 5

Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings

Paragraph 6

Information which reveals that the authority proposes:

- (a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or



(b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.

Paragraph 7

Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime

