

Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority

Meeting to be held at 2.00 pm on Wednesday, 16 June 2010 at AFC Learning Centre, Telford

At 1.10 pm prior to the start of the Fire Authority meeting there will be a presentation from Assistant Chief Fire Officer Steve Worrall on Public Value, as requested by Members at the last meeting of the Authority.

Agenda

Minute's Silence

The Chair will ask Members and officers present to observe a minute's silence in memory of one of the Service's firefighters, Matthew Evans, who died on Friday, 4th June in a tragic motorcycle crash.

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

Members are asked to agree the minutes of the Fire Authority meeting, held on 28 April 2010, and that they be signed by the Chair as a correct record. Attached marked **3**. **For decision**

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 Audit and Performance Management Committee

Members are asked to receive the minutes of the Audit and Performance Management Committee meeting, held on 13 May 2010, attached marked **5** and **consider the recommendations at:**

- **item 5** regarding amendments to the Audit and Performance Management Committee Terms of Reference (additions are shown in bold italics and deletions struck through), attached marked **5a**; and
- **item 11** regarding Treasury Management Practice.

For decision

6 Strategy and Resources Committee

Members are asked to receive the minutes of the Strategy and Resources Committee meeting, held on 20 May 2010, attached marked **6 and consider the recommendations at item 6** regarding amendments to the Role Descriptions for the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee, attached marked **6a and 6b** respectively. Additions to existing documents are shown in bold italics and deletions struck through. **For decision**

7 Human Resources Committee

Members are asked to receive the minutes of the Human Resources Committee meeting, held on 27 May 2010, attached marked **7 and consider the recommendations at items:**

- 5** Amendments to the Human Resources Committee Terms of Reference, attached marked **7a** (additions are shown in bold italics and deletions struck through).
- 6** Establishment of Role Descriptions for the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee, attached marked **7b and 7c respectively**.
- 7** Request for funding from Telford, Race and Equality Partnership. A copy of the report relating to this item can be accessed at:
www.shropshirefire.gov.uk/webimages/managing-the-service/cfa/humanresources-meetings-data/pdf-197-2010-05-27-07-telford-race-equality-and-diversity-partnership.pdf

For decision

8 Statement of Accounts 2009/10

This report presents the Statement of Accounts 2009/10 for approval by the Fire Authority, and seeks specific approval to a number of virements from the General Fund in 2010/11, attached marked **8. For decision**

9 Annual Governance Statement 2009/10 and Improvement Plan 2010/11

This report asks the Fire Authority formally to approve the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) 2009/10, which must be included as part of the Statement of Accounts 2009/10. It also asks Members formally to approve the AGS Improvement Plan 2010/11, attached marked **9**

For decision and signature by the Chair, Chief Fire Officer and Treasurer

10 Medium Term Financial Plan

This report informs Members of changes to the process of producing the Medium Term Financial Plan, attached marked **10**. The first draft of the Plan is available for consideration by Members on the website by using the following link:

<http://www.shropshirefire.gov.uk/webimages/managing-the-service/cfa/fireauthority-meetings-data/pdf-675-10%20Appendix%20-%20Medium%20Term%20Financial%20Plan.pdf>

A hard copy will be available at the meeting. **For decision**

11 Annual Report 2009/10

This report seeks Member approval of the proposed contents and format of the Fire Authority Annual Report 2009/10, attached marked **11**. The Draft Annual Report can be accessed on the website via the following link:

<http://www.shropshirefire.gov.uk/webimages/managing-the-service/cfa/fireauthority-meetings-data/pdf-676-11%20Appendix%20Annual%20Report%20200910.pdf>

A colour, hard copy will be available at the meeting. **For decision**

12 New Dimension Asset Transfer

This report summarises the Authority's current position over the transfer of New Dimension assets from the Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG) to local Fire & Rescue Services, including assets to this Authority. This follows communication with CLG seeking changes to contract and assurances of funding. **To follow marked 12. For decision**

13 Member Champions

This report asks Members to agree that officers carry out a fundamental review of Member Champion roles and bring back a report to the Fire Authority in due course, setting out their findings and proposals. Attached marked **13. For decision**

14 Abolishment of Comprehensive Area Assessment

This report informs Members of recent national developments, which indicate the termination of the Comprehensive Area Assessment regime. Attached marked **14. For information**

15 Update on the Regional Control Centre and Mobilising System

Members are advised that within the recent Government publication - *The Coalition: our programme for government* a shared conviction is made to '...stop plans to force the regionalisation of the fire service' (Section 4, page 12). Clarification is currently awaited regarding this position statement to determine the impact and consequence upon the FiReControl Project. **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 Amanda Thomson, 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>