

Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority

Meeting at 2.00 pm on Wednesday, 28 April 2010

at the Shirehall, Shrewsbury

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

At 1.30 pm prior to commencement of the meeting there will be a presentation regarding incident command: 'How many officers does it take to put out a fire?'

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

Members are asked to agree the minutes of the Fire Authority meeting, held on 10 February 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 18 February 2010, attached marked **5** and **consider the recommendation at item 11a** relating to the Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy, a copy of which is attached marked **5a. For decision**

With reference to item 6 in those minutes the Treasurer can confirm that he has spoken to the Audit Commission and a rebate of £4,062 has been agreed for 2010/11. This will reduce the fee to £64,938, which is slightly less than that paid for 2009/10.

6 Standards Committee

Members are asked to receive the minutes of the Standards Committee meeting, held on 1 March 2010, attached marked **6**, and **consider the recommendations at items:**

- 5** Standards Committee Terms of Reference, attached marked **6a**;
- 6** Role Descriptions for Standards Committee Chair, Vice-Chair and Independent Member, attached marked **6b, 6c and 6d** respectively;
- 8** Protocol on Gifts and Hospitality, attached marked **6e**.
- 9** Protocol on Member/ Officer Relations, attached marked **6f**.

For decision

7 Strategy and Resources Committee

7a Minutes

Members are asked to note the minutes of the Strategy and Resources Committee meeting, held on 4 March 2010, attached marked **7a**.
For information

7b Annual Report

This report advises of the work carried out by the Fire Authority's Strategy and Resources Committee during the year 2009 / 10.
Attached marked **7b**. **For information**

8 Brigade Managers' Employment Panel

Members are asked to note the non-exempt minutes of the Brigade Managers' Employment Panel, held on 29 March 2010. Attached marked **8**.
For information

9 Annual Report of the Human Resources Committee

This report advises of the work carried out by the Fire Authority's Human Resources Committee during the municipal year 2008 / 2009.
Attached marked **9**. **For information**

10 Fire Authority Work Plan

This report proposes a Work Plan for the Fire Authority for the year May 2010 to April 2011 and details progress made against the 2009 / 10 Work Plan.
Attached marked **10**. **For decision**

11 Integrated Risk Management Planning Consultation Results

This report seeks approval for the recommendations made, by the Strategic Risk and Planning Working Group in relation to the Integrated Risk Management Planning proposals to be implemented. In addition, the report seeks approval for responsibility for implementing the IRMP proposals to be delegated to the Working Group. Attached marked **11**. **For decision**

12 Implementing Public Value

This report presents a summary overview of the concept of 'Public Value,' the proposed new approach to the strategic planning process. The process is currently being developed and implemented under the direction of the Fire Authority's Strategic Risk and Planning Working Group, formally known as the Integrated Risk Management Planning Working Group. Attached marked **12**
For information

13 Shrewsbury Headquarters and Fire Station Refurbishment – Appointment of Contractor

This report informs the Fire Authority of the appointment of the building contractor for the refurbishment of Shrewsbury Headquarters, Fire Station and Vehicle Workshops Building. Attached marked **13**. **For information**

14 Update on Interim Mobilising System

Update on delegation

Discussions and contract negotiations are now at final stages, with a contract due to formally awarded to Misco-Telent prior to the end of April. It is anticipated that the transition to the new interim fire control at Telford Central Fire Station will be completed in autumn 2010. **For information**

15 New Dimension Asset Transfer Update

As requested the Chief Fire Officer wrote to CLG, expressing the wishes of the Authority to have an exit clause included within the contract for transfer of the New Dimension assets to Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority. CLG have advised that they will be writing to each Authority, which has not signed the current contract with further information. To date, no such information has been received. The Chief Fire Officer will keep Members informed. **For information**

16 Area Manager Appointments

This report provides an update to Members on the outcomes of the recent Area Manager promotion round. Attached marked **16**. **For information**

17 Evaluation of Risk Reduction Officers

This report informs Members on the current progress of the Risk Reduction Officers. Attached marked **17**. **For information**

There will also be a short presentation from the Risk Reduction Officers.

18 Fire and Rescue Service Equality and Diversity Report 2010 and Equality and Diversity Awards 2010

In March 2010 Communities and Local Government published the Fire and Rescue Service Equality and Diversity Report 2010 and announced the winners and runners-up in the 2010 Fire and Rescue Service Equality and Diversity Award Scheme.

A full copy of the Report, which is 325 pages long, can be accessed at the following web link:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/fire/equalitydiversity2010>

Information relating to the Award Scheme can be found at:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/fire/working/equalopportunities/>

Pages 198 to 201 of the Report, which refer specifically to Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service, are attached, marked **18**. **For information**

19 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 1, 2, 3 and 4.

20 Brigade Managers' Employment Panel

Members are asked to note the exempt minutes of the Brigade Managers' Employment Panel, held on 29 March 2010. Attached marked **20**.

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>