

**Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority**  
**Meeting in the Shropshire Education and Conference Centre,**  
**Shrewsbury**  
**at 2.00 pm on Wednesday, 13 February 2008**

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

**Agenda**

Before business commences the Chair will make a retirement presentation to Mike Howe, former Retained Station Manager from Market Drayton, who retired from the Service on 31 December. Later this year Mike is also to be awarded an MBE by the Queen for his services to the community.

Members are then asked to observe a minute's silence in memory of a long-serving Fire Authority Member, Derrick Hill of Much Wenlock, who died in December.

**1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence have been received from Councillor Box.

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

**3 Minutes**

To agree the minutes of the Fire Authority meeting, held on 19 December 2007, and that they be signed by the Chair as a correct record.  
Attached marked **3. For decision**

**4 Public Questions**

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

**5 Strategy and Resources Committee**

To receive the minutes of the Strategy and Resources Committee meeting, held on 24 January 2008 and **agree the recommendations at 9c**. Attached marked **5. For decision**. Reports 6, 7 and 8 from that meeting are attached (on green paper) as an appendix to report 9 later on this agenda.

**6 Consultation on Orders and Regulations relating to the Conduct of Local Authority Members in England**

The Department for Communities and Local Government is currently consulting in respect of the new regulations and orders, which will flow from the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. Many of the regulations and orders relate to new provisions, which will be dealt with by Standards Committee. This report seeks the Fire Authority's agreement to the proposed consultation response attached as an appendix.  
Attached marked **6. For decision**



## **7 Lead Member Reporting Dates**

Attached, marked **7**, for agreement by the Fire Authority, is a schedule, giving proposed dates for Lead Members to present their annual reports to the Authority. **For decision**

## **8 Monitoring of the Revenue Budget, including Prudential Indicators**

This report is part of the regular monitoring process undertaken throughout the year. It details the latest position on the revenue budget, recommending action where necessary, and also monitors the Fire Authority's Prudential Indicators. Attached marked **8**. **For decision**

**Please note that reports 9 and 10 need to be considered together.**

## **9 Revenue Budget and Capital Programme Budget Recommendations 2008/09**

This report brings together the recommendations of the Strategy and Resources Committee of 24 January 2008, which have been incorporated into report 10 on the precept, to be considered later on the agenda for this meeting. In addition the outcome of the consultation process is reported. Reports 6, 7 and 8 considered by the Strategy and Resources Committee are attached on green paper as Appendix A to the report). Attached marked **9** **For decision**

## **10 Revenue Budget: 2008/09 Precept**

This report seeks Fire Authority approval to: a budget for 2008/09; Council Tax levels for 2008/09; and precepts on billing authorities and related matters. Attached marked **10**. **For decision**

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

This report presents proposed increases in charges made for special services. Attached marked **11**. **For decision**

## **12 FiReControl Local Authority Controlled Company Members' Agreement**

This report updates Members on the Local Authority Controlled Company Members' Agreement, discussed at the last Fire Authority meeting. Attached marked **12**. **For decision**

## **13 Fire and Rescue Performance Assessment 2007 Outcomes**

This report advises Members of the achievements of Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority in the most recent Performance Assessment conducted by the Audit Commission during 2007. Attached marked **13**. **For decision**

## **14 Auditor's Report on the Best Value Performance Plan 2007/08**

This report draws Members' attention to the Auditor's Report on the Fire Authority's Best Value Performance Plan. Attached marked **14** **For information**



## **15 Fire Authority Corporate Plan 2008/09**

This report seeks Member approval of the proposed Fire Authority Corporate Plan 2008/09, which, on 1 April 2008, will replace the existing Best Value Performance Plan 2007/08. The Corporate Plan will be supplemented by an Annual Report 2007/08, which will be brought before Members in June 2008 for consideration and approval. Attached marked **15. For decision**

## **16 Cultural Audit Benchmarking Results**

This report informs Members about the recently received Cultural Audit national benchmarking report from Opinion Research Services. Attached marked **16. For information**

## **17 Health and Safety Executive Improvement Notice Served on Warwickshire County Council**

This report informs Members about the Health and Safety Executive Improvement Notice served on Warwickshire County Council, acting as Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Authority, following the tragic incident at Atherston-on-Stour. Attached marked **17. For information**

An Incident Command Unit and appliance will be brought to the Conference Centre's car park at the end of the meeting to demonstrate to Members the information available (via mobile data terminals) to firefighters when attending an incident.

## **18 Relaunch of Website**

The Service's website has undergone a 'refresh' and has recently been relaunched. The new website, accessible at:

<http://www.shropshirefire.gov.uk>

is interactive and offers many additional features over the existing website. It has the further benefit of a secure log-in area, where staff may access incident-related information. The website will be available for demonstration to Members prior to the Fire Authority meeting. **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 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>

