

**Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority Meeting
at the Shirehall, Shrewsbury
at 2.00 pm on Wednesday, 20 December 2006**

Agenda

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence have been received from Councillor Davies.

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 Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority meeting, held on 18 October 2006, and that they be signed 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 Standards Committee

To receive the minutes of the Standards Committee meeting, held on 11 October 2006, attached marked **5**. **For information**

6 Strategy and Resources Committee

To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Strategy and Resources Committee meeting, held on 16 November 2006, and **agree the recommendations at items 6**. Attached marked **6**. **For decision**

Please note that the reports considered by the Committee at item 6 (the 2007/08 to 2009/10 Revenue and Capital Budgets) are contained in the green booklet and will form the basis of the discussion at item 16 on this agenda.

7 Human Resources Committee

To receive the non-exempt minutes of the Human Resources Committee meeting, held on 21 November 2006. Attached marked **7**. **For decision**

To agree the recommendations at:

- **Item 6 - People Strategy.** Attached marked **7a**
- **Item 7 - Disability Equality Scheme.** Attached marked **7b** and
- **Item 12 - Member Development Plan.** Attached marked **7c**

8 Audit and Performance Management Committee

To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Performance Management Committee meeting, held on 7 December 2006. Attached marked **8**.

For Information

9 West Midlands Regional Management Board

To receive the minutes of the WMRMB meeting, held on 27 October 2006 and **agree the recommendations at items 49/06**. Attached marked **9**. **For decision**

10 Member Champion Presentations

10a Older People's Champion

The Member Champion for Older People (Councillor Mrs Swift) will give her first presentation to the Fire Authority. **For information**

10b Young People's Champion

The Member Champion for Young People (Councillor Dr Drummond) will give her first presentation to the Fire Authority. **For information**

10c Information and Communications Technology Update

At the last meeting of the Fire Authority it was agreed that Councillor Box, as Member Champion for Information and Communications Technology (ICT), should identify a list of issues to be reported upon in future presentations to Members.

Whilst the Fire Authority faces many challenges in the field of ICT and data management, the three strategic issues that represent a priority are:

- Securing enhanced levels of resilience to the Service's existing Fire Control fallback arrangements, providing for business continuity, should the necessity arise to evacuate the Shrewsbury site
- Managing effectively the transition, convergence and integration of existing ICT County based assets and data, to the nationally led Firelink and FiReControl projects
- Addressing the current shortfalls in data and information systems, through the provision of a performance management/information system supported by robust management practices

If Members are in agreement Councillor Box will, therefore, give future presentations on the above issues. **For decision**

11 The Regional Fire Control Centre and Local Authority Controlled Company

This report updates Members on the formation of the Local Authority Controlled Company and requests Members to reach agreement on a number of issues relating to the setting up of the Company. Attached marked **11. For decision.**

12 Retained Review

This report informs Members of the progress of the Retained Review Implementation Project and seeks approval for re-profiling of future investment in the Retained Service to match latest recruitment targets better. Attached marked **12.**

For decision.

13 Integrated Risk Management Plan Consultation Results

This report advises Members of the outcome of an extensive three-month period of consultation on the Fire Authority's draft Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) Action Plan for 2007/08, and recommends changes to this document as a result of that consultation. In addition, the report seeks approval for the IRMP Members' Working Group to progress the 2007/08 IRMP process to the implementation phase. Attached marked **13. For decision**

14 Review of Members' Allowances

This report advises of the outcome of the review of Members' allowances conducted by the Independent Panel on Members' Allowances. Attached marked **14.**

For decision

- 15 Monitoring of Revenue Budget and Capital Programme, including Prudential Indicators**
This report is part of the regular monitoring process undertaken throughout the year. It details the latest position on revenue and capital budgets, recommending action where necessary, and also monitors the Fire Authority's Prudential Indicators. Attached marked **15. For decision**
- 16 Revenue Budgets 2007/08 and Projections for Later Years**
This report brings together the expenditure proposals considered by the Strategy and Resources Committee, updated for recent changes. Attached marked **16. For decision**
Copies of the Strategy and Resources Committee reports 6 and 6a to 6i (on green paper) are attached for information.
- 17 Expenditure and Available Resources 2007/08 and Later Years**
This report sets out the range of potential expenditure and available resources currently predicted in order that the Fire Authority can decide on its basis of budget consultation, prior to setting its precept in February. Attached marked **17. For decision**
- 18 Falck Exchange Programme**
The Assistant Chief Fire Officer will give a presentation on the Falck Exchange Programme. **For information**
- 19 Dates for Future Meetings**
This report advises Members of the dates proposed for meetings of the Fire Authority and its Committees for 2007/2008. To follow marked **19. For decision**
- 20 Quality of Service Survey - Benchmarking After the Incident Survey 2005/06**
This report provides benchmarking information to Members of the Fire Authority regarding the 'After the Incident Survey' conducted during 2006. Attached marked **20. For information**
- 21 The Integrated Clothing Project**
This report updates Fire Authority Members on the current position with the Integrated Clothing Project. Attached marked **21. For information**
- 22 Co-Responder Legal Case Funding**
This report seeks the opinion of the Fire Authority in response to the request made by the Employers in paragraph 7 of Circular EMP/15/06 (attached at Appendix A to the report) that Fire and Rescue Services reconsider the manner in which case costs and appeal costs be shared in relation to co-responding. Attached marked **22. For decision**
- 23 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 and 4.

24 Human Resources Committee Exempt Minutes (Paragraphs 1 and 2)

To receive the exempt minutes of the Human Resources Committee meeting, held on 21 November 2006 and **agree the recommendation at item 16.**
Attached marked **24. For decision**

25 Phasing out of Long Service Increment - Update (Paragraph 4)

This report updates the Fire Authority on the current situation regarding the phasing out of the Long Service Increment, following the decision of the Authority at its meeting on 18 October 2006. Attached marked **25. For information**
Please note that Appendix B to this report will be tabled at the meeting.

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.

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