

**Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority Meeting
on Wednesday, 11 February 2009, 2.00 pm,
at Shropshire Education and Conference Centre, Shrewsbury**

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

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 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 17 December 2008, 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 22 January 2009 and **consider the recommendations at items 5 and 10.** (the paper relating to item 5 is attached to the minutes as an appendix) Attached marked **5. For decision.** Reports 9 and 11 from that meeting are attached as appendix A to report 9 on this agenda.

5a Human Resources Committee

To receive a public summary of the exempt minutes of part 2 of the Human Resources Committee meeting held on Thursday, 4 December 2008, which commenced at 2.00 pm. Attached marked **5a. For information**

6 Changes to Member Appointments and Meeting Dates

This report requests the Fire Authority to agree to changes in member appointments following the resignation of Lt Col Allen from the Fire Authority. It also requests the Fire Authority to decide how the Authority meetings that were due to be held in June and July 2009 should be rescheduled. Attached marked **6. For decision**

7 Member Champion Reporting Dates

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

Please note that reports 8 and 9 need to be considered together.

**8 Revenue Budget and Capital Programme
Budget Recommendations 2009/10**

This report incorporates the recommendations of the Strategy and Resources Committee on 22 January 2009 for the Authority's 2009/10 budget and precept, and updates the figures for any changes that have taken place since then. In addition the outcome of the consultation process is reported. (Reports 9 and 11 considered by the Strategy and Resources Committee are attached as Appendix A to the report). Attached marked **8. For decision**

9 Revenue Budget: 2009/10 Precept

This report seeks Fire Authority approval to a budget for 2009/10; Council Tax levels for 2009/10; and precepts on billing authorities and related matters. Attached marked **9. For decision**

10 Annual Review of Charges - Special Services

This report presents proposed increases in charges made for special services. Attached marked **10. For decision**

**11 Audit Commission National Report – Rising to the Challenge:
Improving Fire Service Efficiency**

This report informs Members of national research conducted by the Audit Commission and reported during December 2008 in their publication entitled 'Rising to the Challenge: Improving Fire Service Efficiency.' It also provides a brief analysis of which areas for forcing out further efficiencies (as identified by the Commission) are available to Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority. Attached marked **11. For decision**

12 Fire Authority Corporate Plan 2009/10

This report seeks Member approval of the proposed contents of the Fire Authority's 2009/10 Corporate Plan. The Corporate Plan will be supplemented by an Annual Report 2008/09, which will be brought before Members in June 2009 for consideration and approval. Attached marked **12. For decision**

**13 Integrated Risk Management Planning
Members' Working Group Update**

This report presents Members with a summary of the Public Stakeholder Scrutiny Panels conducted by Opinion Research Services during January 2009. A full presentation including feedback and the questions and answers posed at the two consultations held in Shrewsbury and Ludlow was delivered by officers to the Integrated Risk Management Planning Members working Group on 22 January 2009. Attached marked **13. For information**

14 Member Champion Presentation

Councillor David Minnery, Civil Resilience Champion, will give a presentation to the meeting. **For information**

15 FiReControl and FireLink Update

This report updates Members on current activity surrounding the national FiReControl and FireLink projects. Attached marked **15. For decision**

16 Wellington Accommodation Update

A decision on funding for the TCAT development is still awaited from the Learning and Skills Council, and is now expected in March 2009. TCAT are progressing with the project and have submitted a detailed planning application for the new college buildings, including use of our land and construction of a new fire station. TCAT are also submitting a planning application for the use of the Telford Whitehouse Hotel as temporary fire station accommodation. TCAT have agreed to underwrite the costs incurred in reaching a legal agreement on the transfer of land in the event that the scheme does not progress and work on this is ongoing. **Verbal update only. For information**

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 it involves 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 and 2.

18 Brigade Manager Personal Request (Paragraphs 1 and 2)

This report asks Members to consider a personal request received from a Brigade Manager. Attached marked **18. For decision**

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 Lynn Ince, 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>