

**Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority
Meeting at The Shirehall, Shrewsbury
at 2.00 pm on Wednesday, 14 June 2006**

AGENDA

1 Apologies for Absence

Councillor Lloyd has tendered his 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 10 May 2006, 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 25 May 2006, and **agree the recommendations at item 7**. Attached marked **5**.

For decision

6 Statement on Internal Control

This report asks the Fire Authority to approve formally the Statement on Internal Control (SIC) 2005/06, which must be included as part of the Statement of Accounts 2005/06 and to approve formally the SIC Improvement Plan 2006/07.

Attached marked **6**. **For decision**

7 Statement of Accounts 2005/06

This report updates Members on the 2005/06 closure of accounts, and asks the Fire Authority formally to approve the Statement of Accounts 2005/06 attached as an appendix. Attached marked **7**. **For decision**

8 Medium Term Financial Plan 2006/07 to 2008/09

This report seeks the approval of Members for the contents and publication of the Fire Authority's Medium Term Financial Plan. Attached marked **8**. **For decision**



**9 Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy
Benchmarking of Expenditure**

This report informs Members of the findings of a preliminary analysis of comparative financial information for Fire and Rescue Authorities reported by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy. The report also seeks guidance from Members as to the means by which they would wish further more detailed examination of the information to be progressed. Attached marked **9. For decision**

10 Efficiencies - Analysis of Notable Practice Guidance

This report provides Members with information concerning an analysis of notable practice case studies from other fire and rescue authorities, as compiled by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, the Local Government Association and the Chief Fire Officers' Association. The report also seeks Members' guidance on which of the case studies they feel warrant further examination in the interest of identifying further efficiency savings to fund service improvements. Attached marked **10. For decision**

11 Performance Plan

This report advises Members of the statutory obligation set out in the Local Government Act 1999 that requires fire and rescue authorities to prepare and publish an annual Performance Plan by no later than the end of June each year. Members are asked to consider and approve the proposed draft plan for 2006 – 08. Attached marked **11. For decision**

12 Fire and Rescue Service National Framework 2006-2008

This report informs Members of the release of the final Fire and Rescue National Framework 2006-08 document. Attached marked **12. For information.**

