Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority Meeting at the Shirehall, Shrewsbury, at 2.00 pm on Wednesday, 19 July 2006

Agenda

1 Election of Chair

To elect a Chair for the ensuing year

2 Appointment of Vice-Chair

To appoint a Vice-Chair for the ensuing year

3 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence have been received from

4 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.

5 Minutes

To agree the non-exempt minutes of the Fire Authority meeting, held on 14 June 2006, attached marked **5**, and that they be signed by the Chair as a correct record. **For decision**

6 Public Questions

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

7 Allocation of Seats to Political Groups, Appointments to, and Constitution of, Committees

This report advises Members of the proposed composition of committees, allocation of seats to political groups and the appointments to committees, to confirm Member Champions/Lead Members and to review committee terms of reference and delegations. Attached marked **7**. **For decision**

8 Review of Scheme of Delegation to Officers and Standing Orders

This report requests Members to review and agree the Fire Authority's Scheme of Delegation to Officers and Standing Orders and to agree proposed amendments. Attached marked **8**. **For decision**

In accordance with the Fire Authority's Standing Orders any amendments made to Standing Orders will stand adjourned until the next meeting of the Fire Authority.

9 Audit and Performance Management Committee

To receive and note the minutes of the Audit and Performance Management Committee meeting, held on 15 June 2006. Attached marked **9**. **For information**

10 Human Resources Committee

To receive the non-exempt minutes of the Human Resources Committee meeting, held on 12 July 2006. **To follow** marked **10**. **For information**

11 West Midlands Regional Management Board

To receive the minutes of the West Midlands Regional Management Board meeting, held on 5 June 2006, and agree the recommendations at items 14/06, 18/06, 20/06, 21/06 and 22/06. Attached marked 11. For decision

12 Reports of the Fire Authority's Lead Members and Member Champions

Councillor Dr Drummond had intended to give a verbal report on her role as the Fire Authority's Young People's Champion over the last year but unfortunately she will be unable to attend the meeting because of a prior commitment. Members are asked to decide whether they wish other Lead Members and Member Champions to provide similar reports and, if so, at what intervals. **For decision**

13 Audit of Accounts 2005/06

This report informs the Authority of new accounting standards that will impact on the way the annual audit is being carried out. The report also seeks agreement to delegate a specific duty to the Audit and Performance Management Committee. Attached marked **13**. **For decision**

14 Prudential Guidelines 2006/07

This report informs the Fire Authority of progress against its agreed Prudential Indicators for 2006/07. It also reports recommended changes to a number of its indicators, following monitoring of performance over the first quarter of the year. Attached marked **14**. **For decision**

15 Annual Efficiency Statements

This report informs the Fire Authority of the submission of the efficiencies made in 2005/06 to the Department for Communities and Local Government. Attached marked **15. For information**

16 Service and Budget Strategy 2007/08 – 2009/10

This report recommends a service and budget planning process for the period 2007/08 to 2009/10 for approval by the Fire Authority. Attached marked **16**. **For decision**

17 National Best Value Performance Indicator League Tables 2004/05

This report informs Members of the performance of the Fire Authority in the Department for Communities and Local Government national Best Value Performance Indicator tables 2004/05. Attached marked **17**. **For decision**

18 Retained Review

This report informs Members of the progress of the Retained Review Implementation Project. Attached marked **18**. **For decision**

19 Integrated Risk Management Planning Members' Working Group Update

This report advises Members of the progress made by the Integrated Risk Management Planning (IRMP) Members' Working Group (the Group) towards the implementation of the improvements required by the Fire Authority's IRMP Action Plan 2006/07. The report also asks Members to approve the recommendations made by the Group at its meeting held on 27 June 2006 and seeks delegated authority for the Group to approve the draft Action Plan 2007/08 and commence this year's IRMP consultation process. Attached marked 19. For decision

20 Corporate Risk Management Summary

This is the first annual Risk Management Summary report to Members. Its aim is to inform Members about the corporate level risk management work undertaken during the previous twelve months, as well as summarising the risk environment in which the service is currently operating. Attached marked **20**.

For information

Prior to consideration of this report the Head of Performance and Risk will provide a risk management awareness presentation to Members.

21 Road Safety Strategy

This report sets out the research findings of a study into road traffic incidents within the County and sets out where Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service could support the work of partners in reducing the number of road traffic injuries and fatalities. This work is in line with the new strategic objective previously agreed by Members and with guidance contained in the Fire and Rescue Service Framework Document 2006/07 published by the Department for Communities and Local Government. Attached marked 21. For decision

22 Falck/Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service Staff Exchange Programme

This report informs the Fire Authority of the progress and developments in the previously reported Falck - Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service Staff Exchange Programme. Attached marked **22. For information**

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 the paragraphs specified against them.

24 Human Resources Committee (Paragraph 1)

To receive the exempt minutes of the Human Resources Committee meeting, held on 27 June 2006, and agree the recommendations at item 8. **To follow** marked **24. For decision**

25 Corporate Risk Management (Paragraphs 3 and 4)

The Fire Authority will have received an Open Session report (report 20), which provided the Authority with its first Annual Corporate Risk Management Summary. This report supplements report 20, as it contains information that was exempt from publication by virtue of Schedule 12(A) the Local Government Act 1972. Attached marked 25. For information