

Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority
Strategy and Resources Committee
Meeting at Brigade Headquarters, Shrewsbury
on Thursday, 24 January 2008 at 2.00 pm

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

3 Minutes

To agree the minutes of the Strategy and Resources Committee meeting, held on 15 November 2007, 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 Budget Strategy 2008/09 to 2011/12 Consultation Presentation and Feedback from Public Scrutiny Panels

The Chief Fire Officer will give a presentation on the Budget Strategy 2008/09 to 2011/12 Consultation. Copies of the presentation slides are attached marked **5a. For information**

Feedback on the strategy from the Fire Authority's Public Scrutiny Panels, collated by Opinion Research Services (ORS), will also be presented. Copies of those presentation slides will follow marked **5b. For information**

6 Capital Programmes 2007/08 to 2010/11 and Prudential Guidelines

This report monitors capital spending in the current year and presents the capital programmes for 2008/09 to 2010/11, for consideration by the Committee in the context of Prudential Guidelines. Attached marked **6. For decision**

7 Revisions to the Budget and Final Budget Plan

This report develops a final revenue budget package for consideration by the Fire Authority, taking into account latest information and public consultation. Attached marked **7. For decision**

8 Robustness of Budget and Adequacy of Financial Reserves

This report addresses the issue of the robustness of the budget package set out in the previous reports, and examines the adequacy of reserves and provisions. Attached marked **8. For decision**

9 Consultation Responses

9a Fire and Rescue Service National Framework 2008-11 Consultation Document – Draft Response

This report sets out a proposed response on behalf of the Fire Authority to the recently issued Fire and Rescue Service National Framework 2008-11. Attached marked **9a. For decision**

9b Response to the Fire and Rescue Service Equality and Diversity Strategy 2008-2018 Consultation Document

This report provides a brief summary of the content of the draft Equality and Diversity Strategy for the Fire and Rescue Service, which is attached as an appendix, and details the proposed response from Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority to the questions set out within the consultation. Attached marked **9b. For decision**

9c A Centre of Excellence for the Fire and Rescue Service in England – Consultation

This report informs Members of a consultation exercise being undertaken by the Government concerning the development of a Centre of Excellence (CoE) for the Fire and Rescue Service in England. The report seeks approval for a response to the consultation and asks Members to consider various issues related to funding of the proposed CoE and interim arrangements. Attached marked **9c. For decision**

10 Corporate Risk Management Summary

This is the latest of the regular Risk Summary Reports to the Strategy and Resources Committee. As previously, these reports are intended to enable Members to meet the requirements of this Committee's Terms of Reference as they relate to the Fire Authority's management of corporate risk. The progress reported relates to that achieved since the last Summary Report, received by this committee at its meeting in October 2007. Attached marked **10. For information**

11 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 item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined by the provisions of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act, by virtue of paragraph 4.

12 Corporate Risk Management Summary Exempt Information

The Fire Authority will have received an open session report, which summarised its current exposure to corporate risk. This report supplements that one, as it contains information that is exempt from publication by virtue of paragraph 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. Attached marked **12. For information**

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.