

**Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority**  
**Strategy and Resources Committee Meeting**  
at Brigade Headquarters, Shrewsbury  
on Thursday, 18 September 2008 at 2.00 pm

**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**
- 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 room before any item, in which they have a prejudicial interest, is discussed.
- 5 Minutes**  
To agree the minutes of the Strategy and Resources Committee meeting, held on 22 May 2008, and that they be signed as a correct record. Attached marked **5. For decision**
- 6 Public Questions**  
To receive any questions, statements or petitions, of which notice has been received, from members of the public.
- 7 Financial Planning Strategy 2009/10**  
The Authority agreed that officers use July, August and September to review budgets, including capital schemes, efficiencies and budget pressures, in order to lead to a progress report to Strategy and Resources Committee on 18 September 2008. This initial planning paper sets out the broad main issues and is intended to focus attention on the key planning issues that must be addressed. Attached marked **7. For decision**
- 8 Financial Performance to August 2008**  
This report provides information on the financial performance of the service to date, and seeks approval for action, where necessary. Attached marked **8. For decision**
- 9 Capital Update on Activity and Finance**  
The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of all the capital schemes within the Brigade and their current status. Attached marked **9. For information**

## **10 Annual Treasury Report 2007/08**

This report informs Members of the treasury activities for 2007/08, as required by the Code of Practice on Treasury Management. Attached marked **10. For information**

## **11 Audit Commission Value For Money Profile Tool 2008**

This report provides Members with details of a 'value for money profile tool' recently provided by the Audit Commission to support their auditors in undertaking this years 'use of resources' and 'direction of travel' audits which form important parts of the fire and rescue performance assessment for 2008. Attached marked **11. For decision**

## **12 Audit Commission Performance Information Profile Tool 2008**

This report provides Members with details of a 'performance information profile tool' recently provided by the Audit Commission to support their auditors in undertaking this year's Direction of Travel audit which forms part of the fire and rescue performance assessment for 2008/09. Attached marked **12. For decision**

## **13 Integrated Risk Management Planning**

### **13a Review of Strategic Integrated Risk Management Planning**

This report summarises the benefits the Fire Authority has been able to achieve through the introduction of Integrated Risk Management Planning. Attached marked **13a. For decision**

### **13b Integrated Risk Management Planning Research Report**

This report informs Members about the recent publication of a Communities and Local Government report that looks at the connection between fire risk and the socio-demographic make-up of the population covered by a Fire and Rescue Service. It also discusses how this variation in risk could be used to develop future benchmarking targets for both internal and external purposes. Attached marked **13b. For information**

## **14 Update on FiReControl Business Case**

This report informs Members about the contents of the recently published FiReControl Business Case (Regional Annex). It outlines the issues identified in the Business Case and sets out the cost and strategy impact described in the publication. Attached marked **14. For decision**

## **15 Wellington Fire Station Co-location with TCAT**

This report is to update the Strategy and Resources Committee on progress with proposals to co-locate Wellington Fire Station in to the new college planned by Telford College of Arts and Technology (TCAT). Attached marked **15. For decision**

## **16 Station Training Facilities**

This report is to update the Strategy and Resources Committee on progress with the provision of training facilities at stations and to request additional capital funding for future years. Attached marked **16. For decision**

## **17 Use of Capital 2008**

This report advises the Strategy and Resources Committee of capital investment made over the last 3 years and the benefits which have been obtained from this investment. Attached marked **17. For information**

## **18 Asset Stewardship Report 2008**

This report advises the Strategy and Resources Committee of the current condition of assets owned by the Authority and changes which have occurred in the financial year 2007/08. This is a summary of information previously provided in the form of budget working papers, capital appraisals and capital budget reports, together with additional information. Attached marked **18. For information**

## **19 Funding for the Organisational Development Centre and Fire Gateway Services 2008/09**

This report informs Members of a letter received from the Interim Director of the Fire and Resilience Directorate of Communities and Local Government regarding funding for the Organisational Development Centre and Fire Gateway in 2008/09. The report also advises Members of a response made by the Chief Fire Officer to the Interim Director requesting further details. Attached marked **19. For information**