

Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority
Strategy and Resources Committee
Meeting at Brigade Headquarters, Shrewsbury
on Thursday, 25 January 2007 at 2.00 pm

Agenda

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence have been received from Councillor Box.

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 16 November 2006, 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 2006/07 Expenditure Statistics

This report sets out the comparative financial information for fire authorities, as reported by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA). This will enable the Fire Authority to consider areas for further investigation with the intention of ensuring that any opportunities for improving performance are fully explored. Attached marked **5. For decision**

6 Precept 2007/08 Consultation Presentation and Feedback from Public Scrutiny Panels

The Chief Fire Officer will give a presentation on the 2007/08 precept. Copies of the presentation slides are attached marked **6a. For information**
Feedback on the precept 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 **6b. For information**

7 Assurance Statement on the Robustness of Budget and Adequacy of Financial Reserves

This report addresses the requirement that the Treasurer gives a positive assurance about the robustness of the 2007/08 budget and the adequacy of financial reserves. Attached marked **7. For decision**

8 Capital Programme 2007/08 to 2009/10 and Prudential Guidelines

This report presents the capital programme, together with suggested amendments, for consideration by the Committee in the context of Prudential Guidelines. Attached marked **8. For decision**

9 Revisions to Revenue Budget

This report develops a final revenue budget package for consideration by the Fire Authority, taking into account public consultation and review by officers to see if the increase in precept could be limited to 4%. Attached marked **9. For decision**

10 Income and Charging: Consultation by the Department for Communities and Local Government

This report deals with a response to a consultation paper by the Department of Communities and Local Government on Extension to Charging. It also deals with outstanding matters from the Authority's own annual review of charges. Attached marked **10. For decision**

11 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. Attached marked **11. For information**

12 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 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 paragraphs 3 and 4.

13 Corporate Risk Management – Exempted Information (Paragraphs 3 and 4)

The Committee will have received an open session report (at item 11 on the agenda), which summarises the Fire Authority's current exposure to corporate risk. This report supplements report 11 but will be considered in closed session, as it contains information, which is exempt from publication by virtue of paragraphs 3 and 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972,. Attached marked **13. For information**

14 Opportunity for Relocation of Wellington Fire Station (Paragraph 3)

This report informs Members about the recent opportunity for relocation of Wellington Fire Station. Attached marked **14. For decision**

**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.