



# **HEREFORD & WORCESTER**

## **Fire Authority**

**Full Authority**

**AGENDA**

**Wednesday, 16 December 2015**

**10:30**

**Conference Suites**

**Headquarters, 2 Kings Court, Charles Hastings Way,  
Worcester, WR5 1JR**

## **ACTION ON DISCOVERING A FIRE**

- 1 Break the glass at the nearest **FIRE ALARM POINT**.  
(This will alert Control and other Personnel)
- 2 Tackle the fire with the appliances available – **IF SAFE TO DO SO**.
- 3 Proceed to the Assembly Point for a Roll Call –  
**CAR PARK OF THE OFFICE BUILDING ADJACENT TO THE CYCLE SHED TO THE LEFT OF THE ENTRANCE BARRIER TO 2 KINGS COURT.**
- 4 Never re-enter the building – **GET OUT STAY OUT**.

## **ACTION ON HEARING THE ALARM**

- 1 Proceed immediately to the Assembly Point  
**CAR PARK OF THE OFFICE BUILDING ADJACENT TO THE CYCLE SHED TO THE LEFT OF THE ENTRANCE BARRIER TO 2 KINGS COURT.**
- 2 Close all doors en route. The senior person present will ensure all personnel have left the room.
- 3 Never re-enter the building – **GET OUT STAY OUT**.

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**WELCOME AND GUIDE TO TODAY'S MEETING.** These notes are written to assist you to follow the meeting. Decisions at the meeting will be taken by the **Councillors** who are democratically elected representatives and they will be advised by **Officers** who are paid professionals. The Fire and Rescue Authority comprises 25 Councillors and appoints committees to undertake various functions on behalf of the Authority. There are 19 Worcestershire County Councillors on the Authority and 6 Herefordshire Council Councillors.

**Agenda Papers** - Attached is the Agenda which is a summary of the issues to be discussed and the related reports by Officers.

**Chairman** - The Chairman, who is responsible for the proper conduct of the meeting, sits at the head of the table.

**Officers** - Accompanying the Chairman is the Chief Fire Officer and other Officers of the Fire and Rescue Authority who will advise on legal and procedural matters and record the proceedings. These include the Clerk and the Treasurer to the Authority.

**The Business** - The Chairman will conduct the business of the meeting. The items listed on the agenda will be discussed.

**Decisions** - At the end of the discussion on each item the Chairman will put any amendments or motions to the meeting and then ask the Councillors to vote. The Officers do not have a vote.



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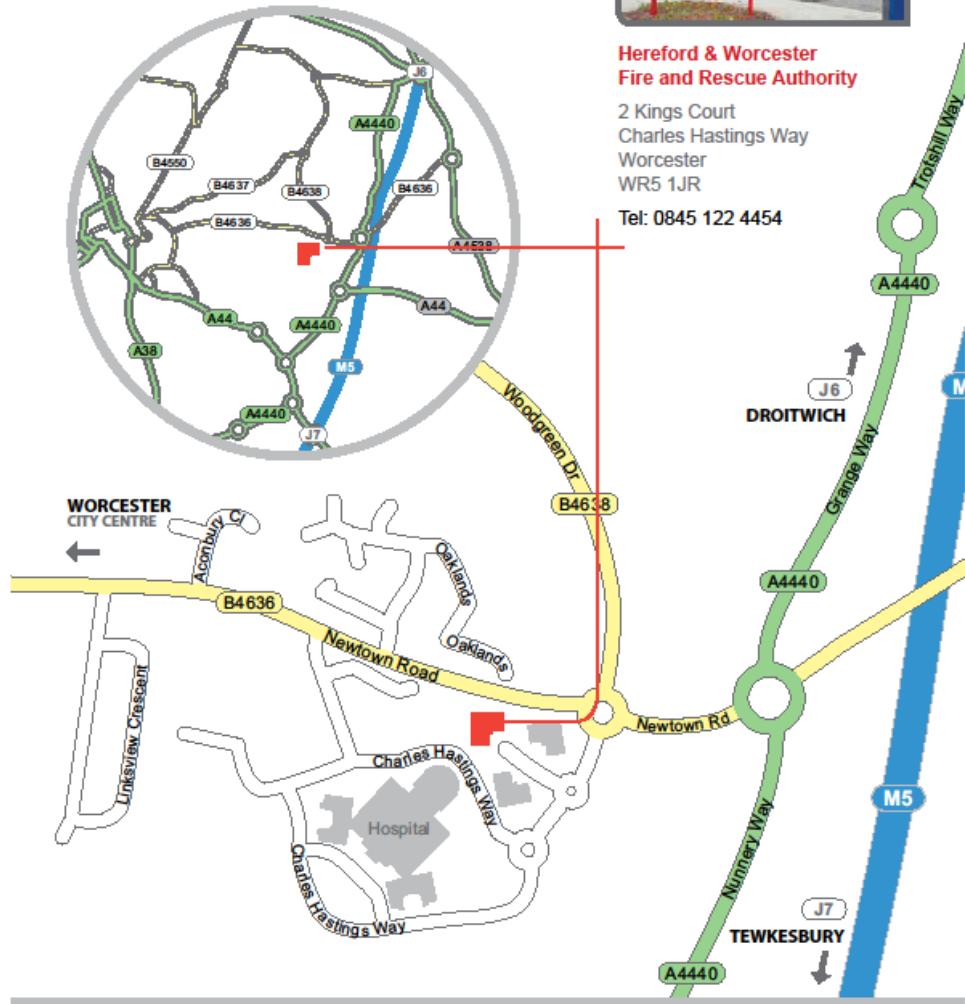
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## Full Authority

**Wednesday, 16 December 2015, 10:30**

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### Agenda

Councillors

Mr D W Prodger MBE (Chairman), Mr R J Phillips (Vice Chairman), Mr R C Adams, Ms P Agar, Mr A Amos, Mr B A Baker, Mr S C Cross, Ms L R Duffy, Mrs E Eyre, Mr A Fry, Mr W P Gretton, Ms K S Guthrie, Mrs A T Hingley, Ms R E Jenkins, Mr J L V Kenyon, Mr R I Matthews, Mrs F M Oborski MBE, Professor J W Raine, Mr C B Taylor, Mr J W R Thomas, Mr P A Tuthill, Mr R M Udall, Mr G J Vickery, Mr S D Williams, Mr G C Yarranton

| No. | Item  | Pages  |
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| 1   | <b>Apologies for Absence</b><br><br>To receive any apologies for absence.   |        |
| 2   | <b>Declarations of Interest (if any)</b><br><br>This item allows the Chairman to invite any Councillor to declare an interest in any of the items on this Agenda. |        |
| 3   | <b>Confirmation of Minutes</b><br><br>To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 8 October 2015.   | 7 - 11 |
| 4   | <b>Chairman's Announcements</b><br><br>To update Members on recent activities.  |        |

## **5      Public Participation**

To allow a Member of the public to present a petition, ask a question or make a statement relating to any topic concerning the duties and powers of the Authority.

Members of the public wishing to take part should notify the Head of Legal Services in writing or by email indicating both the nature and content of their proposed participation no later than 2 clear working days before the meeting (in this case 14 December 2015). Further details about public participation are available on the Council's website. Enquiries can also be made through the telephone numbers/email listed below.

## **6      Fire Safety Presentation**

A short presentation will be provided at the meeting by AC Mark Preece and GC Adrian Elliot.

## **7      Chief Fire Officers' Service Report**

**12 - 19**

To inform the Authority of recent key developments and activities.

## **8      Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee**

**20 - 23**

To receive the minutes from the meeting held on 16 November 2015

## **9      Fire Authority Meeting Dates 2016/17**

**24 - 26**

To inform Authority Members of the meeting dates for 2016/17.

## **10     Exclusion of Public and Press**

In the opinion of the Clerk to the Authority the meeting will not be, or is not likely to be open to the public and press at the time item 11 is considered for the following reason: Item 11 is likely to disclose information relating to an individual as set out in paragraph 10.4 of the Access to Information procedure Rules.

## **11     Retirement of Chief Fire Officer**

**27 - 29**

To consider a request from the Chief Fire Officer for permission to retire with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.