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POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 4 SEPTEMBER 2013

Agenda Item	Report Title	Resolution
5	Facing the Future : findings from the Review of Efficiencies and Operations in Fire and Rescue Authorities in England	Resolved that the Service's response to Facing the Future (attached as Appendix 1 to the report) be approved and submitted to the Fire Minister.
6	Asset Management Strategy: Provision of Accommodation for West Mercia Police	Resolved that the Head of Asset Manager be authorised to enter into: (i) a lease to West Mercia Police in respect of office accommodation at Service Headquarters (SHQ); and (ii) a lease and/or licence arrangement in respect of the use by West Mercia Police of facilities at other fire service locations all on terms to be agreed by the Chief Fire Officer and Head of Legal Services.
7	Merger of the Urban Search and Rescue Team into Droitwich Fire Station	Resolved: (i) the Service's Urban Search and Rescue Team is merged into Droitwich Fire Station to create a single multi-functional operational unit; and (ii) subject to agreement by the National Resilience Board, the existing National Resilience Incident Response Unit and equipment be transferred to Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service.
8	Automatic False Alarm (AFA) Reduction Policy	Resolved that the Fire and Rescue Authority (FRA) adopts the following in relation to Automatic Fire Alarms: (i) all pre-determined attendances to Automatic Fire Alarm calls to be one pumping appliance only, except where risk factors and Intel (intelligence) information indicate otherwise; (ii) robust call filtering in the Service's Command and Control Centre be implemented; (iii) return en route be implemented when a caller confirms any previous call as now a false alarm; (iv) all responses to Automatic Fire Alarms to be at normal road speeds unless the Officer in Charge of the appliance deems otherwise; (v) attendance will be made to Automatic Fire Alarms received to dwellings (includes houses in multiple occupation, flats, schools,

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8	Automatic False Alarm (AFA) Reduction Policy /contd.....	<p>residential care and other residential (includes special units, sheltered housing, hotels, hostels);</p> <p>(vi) hospitals to receive one appliance attendance to calls from Automatic Fire Alarms except where risk factors and Intel (intelligence) information indicate others.</p> <p>(vii) the Authority will not adopt a ‘charging for Automatic Fire Alarms’ policy at this time; and</p> <p>(viii) implement a ‘full’ call filter procedure to Automatic Fire Alarms from non-residential premises and hospitals and a ‘light’ call filter procedure to Automatic Fire Alarms from dwellings, schools, residential care and other recycling dwellings.</p>
9	2013/14 Budget Monitoring – 1 st Quarter	Resolved that the report be noted.
10	Treasury Management Activities 2012/13	Resolved that it be noted that the Authority’s Treasury Management Activities during 2012/13 were in accordance with the prudential indicators previously agreed.
11	Fire and Rescue Authority Plan 2012-13 – Annual Performance Analysis	Resolved that the Policy and Resources Committee notes the summary of annual performance against the Fire and Rescue Authority Plan 2012-13.

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12	Quarter 1 Performance and Health and Safety Reports 2013-14	<p>Resolved that the Policy and Resources Committee note the following key outcomes in respect of performance in Quarter 1 2013-14:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the total number of incidents attended in Quarter 1 2013-14 is the lowest Quarter 1 total in the seven years that the current data set has been collected; (ii) the Service has also attended the lowest Quarter 1 totals of Special Service (non-fire emergencies) and False Alarms in the last seven years; (iii) although the number of Fires attended in Quarter 1 2013-14 have increased when compared to the same quarter last year, the total is still less than the average number of fires attended in Quarter 1 of the last five years; (iv) the Service has also seen the lowest Quarter 1 totals of injuries from primary fires and the lowest Quarter 1 number of injuries from accidental dwelling fires in the last seven years, with no injuries reported from accidental dwelling fires in May and June 2013; and (v) reported health and safety events (Appendix 2) have increased when compared with the previous quarter mainly due to a major recycling fire incident in Kidderminster in June.
13	Urgent Decision Taken (2013/001)	<p>Resolved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The decision taken under the urgent Decisions Procedure be noted. and (ii) Recommended to the Fire and Rescue Authority that the Scheme of Delegations be amended to authorise the Chief Fire Officer to approve early retirements, in consultation with the Chairman and Treasurer in the case of employees whose salary is less than £45,000 and where the pension costs do not exceed £45,000. (iii)

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14	Equality and Diversity Advisory Group Update	Resolved that the Policy and Resources Committee note the contents of this report.
15	Joint Consultative Committee Update	Resolved that the Policy and Resources Committee note the content of this report.
16	Health and Safety Committee Update	Resolved that the Policy and Resources Committee note the content of this report.
17	Contingency Planning for Strike Action	Resolved that the Policy and Resources Committee note the contents of this report.