



HEREFORD & WORCESTER Fire Authority

Full Authority

AGENDA

Tuesday, 12 December 2023

10:30

**Wyre Forest House Council Chamber
Wyre Forest District Council, Wyre Forest House,
Finepoint Way, Kidderminster, Worcestershire, DY11 7WF**

Wyre Forest House Location Map

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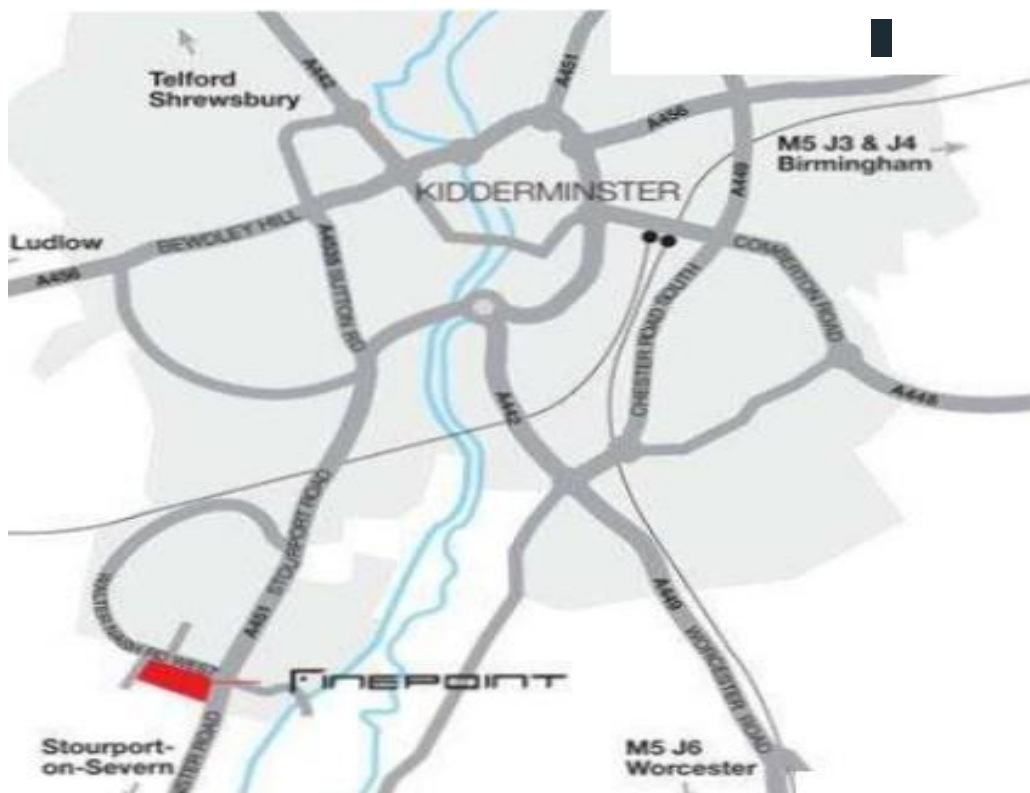
Wyre Forest House, Finepoint Way, Kidderminster, DY11 7WF
Reception at Wyre Forest House 01562 732101

From Stourport:

Head towards Kidderminster on the A451 Minster Road, passing Stourport High School and Stourport Sports Club on your left. When you reach the traffic lights at the crossroads, turn left into Walter Nash Road West (signposted Wyre Forest House). Then take your first left onto Finepoint Way. Follow the road around to your left and Wyre Forest House is at the end of the road on the left. Visitor parking is available and signposted from the mini roundabout.

From Kidderminster:

From Kidderminster, follow the signs for Stourport and head out of Kidderminster on the A451 Stourport Road, this road becomes a dual carriageway. You will pass 24/7 Fitness and Wyre Forest Community Housing on your left. At the crossroads with traffic lights turn right into Walter Nash Road West (there is a dedicated right hand-turn lane), signposted for Wyre Forest House. Then take your first left onto Finepoint Way. Follow the road around to your left and Wyre Forest House is at the end of the road on the left. Visitor parking is available and signposted from the mini roundabout.



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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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Councillors

Mr C B Taylor (Chairman), Mr R J Phillips (Vice Chairman), Mr A Amos, Mr D Boatright-Greene, Mr D Boulter, Mr B Brookes, Mrs J Carwardine, Mr D Chambers, Mr B Clayton, Mr D Davies, Mr A Ditta, Mrs E Eyre BEM, Mr I D Hardiman, Mr Al Hardman, Mr M Hart, Mr J Kenyon, Mrs E Marshall, Ms N McVey, Ms J Monk, Mr D Morehead, Mr R J Morris, Ms L Robinson, Ms D Toynbee, Mr R M Udall, Mr T Wells

| No. | Item | Pages |
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| 1 | Apologies for Absence To receive any apologies for absence. | |
| 2 | Declarations of Interest (if any) This item allows the Chairman to invite any Councillor to declare an interest in any of the items on this Agenda. | |
| 3 | Chairman's Announcements To update Members on recent activities. | |
| 4 | 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 to be received no later than 2 clear working days before the meeting (in this case 7 December 2023). Further details about public participation are available on the website. Enquiries can also be made through the telephone numbers/email listed below. | |

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| 5 | Confirmation of Minutes | 1 - 5 |
| | To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2023. | |
| 6 | External Audit Findings Report and Letter of Representation 2021/22 | 6 - 43 |
| | To put forward the Audit Findings Report for consideration and to recommend approval of the Letter of Representation. | |
| 7 | Statement of Accounts 2021/22 | 44 - 46 |
| | To present the 2021/22 Statement of Accounts for final approval. | |
| 8 | His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabularies and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) Inspection Report and Improvement Plan 2023/2024 | 47 - 54 |
| | To update and advise Members on the HMICFRS Inspection Report 2023 and the subsequent Improvement Plan. | |
| 9 | Resource Review | 55 - 71 |
| | To review how the Authority can respond to the challenges around On-Call availability, improve the resilience of the Service overall and ensure the most efficient and effective use of resources | |
| 10 | Fire Authority and Committee Dates 2024/25 | 72 - 75 |
| | To approve the meeting dates for 2024/25. | |
| 11 | Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee | 76 - 81 |
| | To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2023. | |

At the close of the meeting Lisa Reynolds (IODA) will provide Members with an Equality, Diversity and Inclusion briefing session.