

Agenda

Members

Herefordshire:

Mrs. P A Andrews, Mr. J H R Goodwin, Brigadier P Jones CBE (Chair),
Mr. D Greenow, Mr. D C Taylor, Mr. P J Watts.

Worcestershire:

Mr. T J Bean, Mr. J Campion, Mr. S J Clee (Vice Chair), Mr. A Ditta,
Mrs. M L Drinkwater, Mrs. L Duffy, Mrs. L Eyre, Mr. A I Hardman,
Mrs. L Hodgson, Mrs. G Hopkins, Mrs. F Oborski, Mrs. J Potter,
Mr. D W Prodger MBE, Mr. C T Smith, Mr. T Spencer, Mr. K Taylor,
Mr. J Thomas, Mr. R M Udall, Mr. G C Yarranton.

1. **Apologies for Absence**

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. **Declaration of Interests (if any)**

The Members' Code of Conduct requires Councillors to declare any interests against an Agenda item, the nature of an interest and whether the interest is personal or prejudicial. If a Councillor has a personal interest, they must declare it but can stay, take part and vote in the meeting. If a Councillor has a prejudicial interest then they must declare what that interest is and leave the meeting room for the duration of the item.

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**

4. **Confirmation of Minutes**

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Fire and Rescue Authority held on 26 June 2009 (copy attached).

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5. **Questions from Members of the Public**

To receive questions previously submitted by members of the public more than five clear working days before the meeting of the Authority.

6.	Service Report	9 – 18
	To inform Members of recent key developments and activities together with performance information for the period 1 April to 30 June 2009.	
7.	Audit Committee Report	19 – 24
	To inform Members of the proceedings of the Audit Committee Meeting held on 26 June 2009 and inform the Authority of the publication of the Annual Governance Statement	
8.	Budget Committee Report	25 – 50
	To inform Members of the proceedings and recommendations of the Budget Committee Meeting held on 30 July 2009.	
9.	Fire Control Resilience Update	51 – 53
	With the recent announcement of a further delay to the FireControl Project the earliest cut-over date for this Service is now March 2012. Whilst that project continues, this latest change in dates represents a substantial further risk for the Authority. This paper is designed to outline the issues and to seek to instruct the Chief Fire Officer to undertake actions to reduce the risks to a more acceptable level.	
10.	Risk Implications of the Current Economic Downturn on the Fire & Rescue Authority	54 – 56
	This report provides headline indicators, and our response, to the potential impacts of the current economic downturn on the Fire & Rescue Service.	
11.	Review of the Operation of the Regulatory Reform Order	57 – 59
	To give the Authority an initial Evaluation of the Effectiveness of The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005	
12.	The Local Government Association FRA Equality & Diversity Charter	60 - 62
	Authority Members will be given the opportunity to support the five point Charter for Equality & Diversity for Fire and Rescue Authority Members produced by The LGA, in its role in providing political leadership on the issue of Equality and Diversity.	
	Glossary	63 - 66