Hereford & Worcester Fire Authority

Full Authority

Thursday, 15 December 2016,10:30

Minutes

Members Present: Mr R C Adams, Mr A Amos, Mr S C Cross, Ms L R Duffy, Mrs E Eyre BEM, Mr A Fry, Ms K S Guthrie, Mr Al Hardman, Mrs A T Hingley, Ms R E Jenkins, Mr R I Matthews, Mrs F M Oborski MBE, Mr R J Phillips, Mr D W Prodger MBE, Professor J W Raine, Mr C B Taylor, Mr P A Tuthill, Mr R M Udall, Mr G J Vickery, Mr S D Williams

Substitutes: none

Absent: none

Apologies for Absence: Ms P Agar, Mr B A Baker, Mr J L V Kenyon, Mr J W R Thomas

Also in Attendance: Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion

109 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman informed the Authority of recent events he had attended:

- Meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner on 30 November considering the move to Hindlip Business Park.
- Tour of the new Evesham Fire Station on 1 December and the official handover ceremony on 12 December.

and also announced that Officers had now agreed terms with the landowner (subject to contract) for the purchase of the site known as 'Stourpoint 5' as the new Wyre Forest Emergency Services Hub. Members were informed that there will be a further report to the Policy and Resources Committee in January detailing the next steps.

110 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Fire Authority held on 11 October 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by

the Chairman.

111 Day Crewing Plus Review

Councillor Anne Hingley entered the meeting at 10.40am.

Members were informed of the outcome of the recent Day Crewing Plus (DCP) duty system review which had been running since April 2015 and scheduled to end March 2017. This had generally proved successful and now needed to be considered as part of the wider options available to the Service. Members agreed to the extension to the trial at Hereford and Worcester stations for a further 12 months whilst further options are explored to meet the Medium Term Financial Plan.

RESOLVED that an extension to the DCP trial at Hereford and Worcester Stations be agreed for a further 12 months (until March 2018) whilst further options are explored to meet the Medium Term Financial Plan.

112 Member Development Strategy 2017-2020

The Authority was asked to approve the Member Development Strategy 2017-2020.

Members were advised that each yearly programme will focus on the theme 'Adding Extra Value'. It was queried why the Strategy ran from January to December rather than the municipal year and it was agreed that officers would look at this.

Members were informed that each annual programme will be put forward to the Audit and Standards Committee for approval.

Members expressed their thanks to officers and staff for their helpfulness and for always ensuring they are kept up to date.

RESOLVED that the Authority approves the Member Development Strategy 2017-2020.

113 Fire Authority and Committee Dates 2017/18

Members were informed of the Fire Authority and Committee meeting dates for 2017/18 and were reminded that all dates had been cross checked with each Constituent Authority, where meetings had already been set.

RESOLVED that the meeting dates for 2017/18 be noted.

114 Chief Fire Officer's Service Report

The Chief Fire Officer informed the Authority of recent key developments and activities, which included:

- Herefordshire Awards and Medals Ceremony
- Combined Fire Authority Conference
- World Rescue Challenge 2016

Members were then provided with a presentation, including video footage of the Service Exercise on 11 October and an outline of the key outcomes and lessons learned. This was an invaluable training event for staff, simulating a major motorway incident and demonstrating the effectiveness of collaboration with the emergency services.

Members expressed their gratitude for being invited to such an event and congratulated officers in organising such a large event so professionally.

115 Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee

The Chairman of the Committee reported the proceedings of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 17 November 2016.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 17 November be received and noted.

116 Minutes of the Audit and Standards Committee

The Chairman of the Committee reported the proceedings of the Audit and Standards Committee meeting held on 27 September 2016.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Audit and Standards Committee meeting held on 27 September 2016 be received and noted.

117 Code of Conduct - Member Training

Members were provided with Code of Conduct training which covered their general obligations, Register of Interests, Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Disclosable Interests, Gifts and Hospitality and Information Security.

Councillors Udall, Vickery, Fry and Jenkins left the meeting at 11.44am.

Councillor Jenkins returned to the meeting at 11.46am.

The Meeting ended at: 11:56

Signed:…… Date:…….

Chairman