Agenda

Councillors

Herefordshire:

Brigadier P Jones CBE (Vice-Chair),

Mr. D Greenow, Mrs. M Lloyd-Hayes, Mr. B Matthews, Mr. D C Taylor, Mr. P J Watts.

Worcestershire:

Mr. D W Prodger MBE (Chair),

Mr. T J Bean, Mr. B Bullock, Mrs. M Bunker, Mr. J Campion, Mr. J Cairns, Mrs. L Duffy, Mrs. L Eyre, Mr. A I Hardman, Mrs. L Hodgson, Mrs. G Hopkins, Mrs. F Oborski, Mrs. J Potter, Mr. C T Smith, Mr. T Spencer, Mr. K Taylor, Mr. J Thomas, Mr. R M Udall, Mr. G C Yarranton.

Pages

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. Declaration of Interests (if any)

If you have a DPI (as defined in the Code) in a matter being considered at a meeting of the Authority, you are required to leave the room where the meeting is held for the duration of any discussion and voting on that matter. If you have an Other Disclosable Interest (as defined in the Code) you will need to consider whether you need to leave the room during consideration of the matter.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

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To confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Fire and Rescue Authority held on 20 June 2012 and the minutes of the Special Meeting held on 19 July 2012. (Copies attached)

4. Chairman's Announcements

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. Appointment of Deputy Chief Fire Officer

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To ratify the appointment to the post of Deputy Chief Fire Officer, as recommended by the Appointments Committee.

7. Members' Allowances Scheme – Carers and Dependents 14 - 17 Allowance To consider an additional provision to the existing Members' Allowances Scheme to cover expenditure incurred by Members for the care of their dependents whilst undertaking particular approved duties. This would bring the Authority's Scheme in line with the Schemes set out by Worcestershire County Council and Herefordshire Council. 8. Standards Committee Appointments 18 - 26 To appoint a Chairman and Vice-Chairman to the new Standards Committee and consider future arrangements with regard to standards matters. 9. Chief Fire Officer's Service Report 27 - 33 To inform the Authority of recent key developments and activities together with performance information for the period 1 April to 30 June 2012. 34 - 36 10. Report from Audit Committee To inform the Authority of the proceedings of the Audit Committee meeting held on 29 June 2012. 11. Report from Policy and Resources Committee 37 - 43To inform the Authority on the proceedings of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 5 September 2012. **Glossary**