

**Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority**

**Finance and General Purposes Committee**

**Item 8**

**27 April 2012**

**Sale of land at Carpenters Down, Basingstoke and other asset related matters**

**Report by the Chief Officer**

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**1 Summary**

- 1.1 As well as the disposal of land at Carpenters Down, Basingstoke, this report also deals with a number of relatively minor asset related matters. In some cases action has been taken under delegated powers and is reported in accordance with the Authority's Scheme of Delegation.

**2 Recommendation**

- 2.1 That the Committee agrees to the disposal of land at Carpenters Down, Basingstoke as set out in paragraph 3.
- 2.2 That the Committee notes the actions taken under delegated powers (see paragraphs 4,5 and 6)

**3 Sale of land at Carpenters Down, Basingstoke**

- 3.1 This section is detailed in the Exempt Appendix – Item 10

**4 Purchase of land at Basingstoke Fire Station**

- 4.1 Under the Scheme of Delegation (Section D item 2 (iii)), the Director of Corporate Services has authorised the acquisition of land at Basingstoke Fire Station.
- 4.2 Basingstoke Fire Station is due to be replaced in 2013-14 and provision for this has been made in the capital programme. Part of the forecourt of the station was owned by Hampshire County Council (HCC). It has been agreed to buy the land from HCC for £30,000 with the cost to be met from the capital programme budget. Acquiring the land will significantly improve the flexibility in deciding the layout of a replacement station. .

## **5 Donation of Trailer**

- 5.1 HFRS purchased a trailer in 1997 which was used to carry equipment required to support emergency helicopter deployments of fire fighting teams to fires at sea. In 2006, the expansion of the water rescue and Marine Incident Response Group roles meant the trailer was unable to meet operational needs. Subsequently minor adaptations were made to it so that it could be used for incident support duties providing welfare and catering at incidents. With the closure of the Emergency Catering team in 2011 there was no alternative role for the trailer, which had an estimated value of £1000, and so it became redundant.
- 5.2 The Service was approached by the British Red Cross to ask if it would donate the trailer to them so that they could provide welfare and catering facilities for victims and operational staff at major incidents etc. Financial Regulations D.13 provides for the Director of Corporate Services to determine the approach to disposal of surplus assets. Given the potential benefits to the Service from disposing of the trailer in this way, as well as the potential costs of disposal, the donation was agreed.

## **6 Licence for shared use of Stockbridge Fire Station**

- 6.1 Under the Scheme of Delegation (Section D item 2 (iv)), the Director of Corporate Services has agreed to grant a licence to the Hampshire Police Authority for the shared use of Stockbridge Fire Station with effect from 1 March 2012 and until terminated by either side by giving 12 months notice.
- 6.2 This licence is intended to increase the utilisation of the Authority's estates but it also provides the opportunity for much closer joint working at a local level between the Police and Fire and Rescue Service. The income will contribute to the Financial Challenge savings target set for partnership working.
- 6.3 A licence fee of £2,401 per annum and index linked service charge of £3,554 per annum is to be payable quarterly in advance.

## **7 Supporting our corporate aims and objectives**

- 7.1 One of the Authority's priorities is to manage resources, including buildings, land and equipment in a cost effective way. The proposals and actions taken in this report support this objective.
- 7.2 The actions in this report also contribute to improving partnership working and hence the delivery of services to the public.

## **8 Risk analysis**

8.1 There are no significant risks arising from the proposals and actions in this report.

## **9 People Impact Assessment**

9.1 The proposals in this report are considered compatible with the provisions of the equality and human rights legislation.

## **10 Resource implications**

10.1 All of the asset related matters in this report are considered to be cost effective and can be met from within existing resources.

10.2 The capital receipt from the sale of land at Carpenters Down will contribute to the funding of the capital programme.

## **11 Background papers**

11.1 The following documents disclose the facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and has been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of the report:

None

Hampshire Fire and Rescue Scheme of Delegation to Officers  
<http://www.hantsfire.gov.uk/financialregulations.htm#schemeofdelegation>

Note: The list excludes: (1) published works; and (2) documents that disclose exempt or confidential information defined in the Act.