

Notice of Meeting

Meeting **HAMPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE
AUTHORITY**

Date and Time **WEDNESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER,
2012 AT 10.00**

Place **COUNCIL CHAMBER, EASTLEIGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL OFFICES,
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Agenda

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive any apologies for absence.

2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To enable Members to disclose to the meeting any disclosable pecuniary interest they may have in any matter on the agenda for the meeting, where that interest is not already entered in the Authority's register of interests, and any other pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any such matter that Members may wish to disclose.

3 **MINUTES**

To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Authority held on 6 June, 2012.

4 **CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

To receive any Chairman's communications.

5 **ACTIVITY REPORT**

To receive the activity report by the Chief Officer covering the period 29 April 2012 until 11 August 2012.

6 **FIRE AND RESCUE NATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR ENGLAND**

To consider the report of the Chief Officer on the Department for Communities and Local Government's publication, which outlines the Government's priorities and objectives for fire and rescue authorities, as well proposals for fire and rescue services for the coming years.

7 **DRAFT 'HAMPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE PLAN 2013 - 2016': DRAFT STRATEGIC PROPOSALS AND CONSULTATION STRATEGY**

To consider the report of the Chief Officer outlining the six draft strategic proposals for the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service Plan 2013 to 2016, which, once considered and approved by the Authority, will be presented to stakeholders and staff for their comments.

8 **SPRINKLER STRATEGY**

To consider the report of the Chief Officer providing an update on progress to date with the strategy since it was last considered at the Hampshire Fire Authority meeting on February 2012.

9 **AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS**

To consider the report of the Clerk setting out the proposed amendments to the Authority's standing orders.

10 **LOCALISM ACT 2011 – AN UPDATE ON THE CHANGES TO THE STANDARDS REGIME**

To consider a report of the Clerk providing an update on progress with the introduction of new arrangements for promoting and maintaining high standards of Member conduct under the Localism Act 2011.

11 **COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEMES – RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION**

To consider the report of the Chief Officer and Treasurer setting out the Authority's initial response to consultation on the development of local Council Tax Support Schemes by Billing Authorities in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

12 **MINUTES OF PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 27 JUNE, 2012**

To receive the Minutes of the Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 27 June, 2012.

13 **MINUTES OF STANDARDS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – 28 JUNE, 2012**

To receive the Minutes of the Standards and Governance Committee meeting held on 28 June, 2012.

14 MINUTES OF FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE – 31 JULY, 2012

To receive the Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 31 July, 2012.

15 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To resolve that the public be excluded from the meeting during the following item of business, as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during that item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information within Paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, being information relating to an individual. Further, it is considered that, in all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing this information. While there may be a public interest in disclosing this information, namely transparency in the Authority's arrangements to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by members, it is felt that, on balance, this is outweighed, by other factors in favour of maintaining the exemption, namely the privacy of an applicant for appointment, especially bearing in mind that the identity of the applicant would be made public, if appointed.

16 LOCALISM ACT 2011 – AN UPDATE ON THE CHANGES TO THE STANDARDS REGIME

To consider an exempt appendix relating to the report for item 10 providing an update on progress with the introduction of new arrangements for promoting and maintaining high standards of Member conduct under the Localism Act 2011.

ABOUT THIS AGENDA

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