

At a meeting of the HAMPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY held at the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Eastleigh on 10 September, 2014

PRESENT:

Councillors:

p	Ann Briggs	p	Chris Lagdon
p	Graham Burgess	p	Robin McIntosh
p	Adam Carew	p	Sharon Mintoff
p	Chris Carter	p	Frank Pearce
p	Roz Chadd	p	Sally Spicer
p	Keith Chapman	p	Roger Price
a	Mark Cooper	p	David Simpson
p	Liz Fairhurst	p	Phil Smith
p	Jane Frankum	p	Royston Smith
p	Jonathan Glen	p	Mark Staplehurst
p	David Harrison	p	Luke Stubbs
p	Stephen Hastings	p	John Wall
p	Geoff Hockley		

79 BROADCASTING OF MEETING

The Chairman announced that the Openness in Local Bodies Regulations had coming into force on 6 August, allowing the press and public to film and record meetings of Local Authorities, including Fire Authorities. In accordance with Standing Order 29, he gave permission for any member of the press or public to film or record sections of the meeting open to the public. He furthermore advised that anyone remaining at the meeting was consenting to being filmed and recorded, and to the possible use of those images and recordings for broadcasting purposes.

80 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Cooper.

81 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were mindful of their duty to disclose at the meeting any disclosable pecuniary interest they had in any matter on the agenda for the meeting, where that interest was not already entered in the Authority's register of interests, and their ability to disclose any other pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any such matter that they might have wished to disclose.

82 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Authority held on 4 June 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

83 DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations to this meeting.

84 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS AND DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Chadd requested that Members contact her with regards possible areas of Member development.

Councillor Stubbs highlighted concerns he had about fire safety at a Care Home, following changes to night cover. The Chief Officer confirmed that Fire officers would be happy to work with the Home's management.

Councillor Price asked for an update on activity from the Environmental Champion and Councillor Carew offered to provide an update at a future meeting.

85 CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman announced that following a rigorous selection process, Dave Curry had been unanimously appointed to the position of Chief Officer and would take up this role on 1 January 2015. On behalf of the Authority, the Chairman congratulated Dave and expressed delight at the appointment and confidence in his ability to lead the Service forward. Dave thanked the Chairman and said that he was looking forward to taking on the challenges ahead.

It was also announced that after three years as Head of Facilities, Andy Chapman was leaving the Service to take up a position at Eastleigh College. Andy's role in transforming the fleet maintenance centre into a business unit, as well as in the development of the estates strategy was highlighted and recognised. On behalf of the Authority, the Chairman thanked Andy for his contribution and wished him well for the future.

86 ACTIVITY REPORT

The Authority considered the report of the Chief Officer, Item 7 in the Minute Book, regarding activity in the period 1 April 2014 to 30 June 2014.

Member queries relating to individual incidents and to the report in general were responded to.

RESOLVED:

That the Authority note the report.

87 OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS 2014

The Authority considered the report of the Chief Officer, Item 8 in the Minute Book, regarding new Regulations relating to the filming and recording of Local Authority meetings.

The draft filming protocol was outlined and the rationale of permitting the press and public to record proceedings, without disrupting them, was explained. The proposal for the Authority to make a recording of its own meetings was also explained.

A number of minor amendments to the protocol were agreed in discussion, to be incorporated in the final document by the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman.

RESOLVED

1. The Protocol is adopted with immediate effect, subject to minor amendments agreed in discussion, to be incorporated in the final document by the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman.
2. Authority is given to the Clerk to make the necessary amendments to the Authority's Standing Orders (Standing Order 29) to reflect the requirements of the Regulations and the Protocol.
3. Authority is given to the Chief Officer, in consultation with the Chairman to arrange for the recording of HFRA public meetings as described in section 5.

88 COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIPS

The Authority considered the report of the Chief Officer, Item 9 in the Minute Book, regarding Community Safety Partnerships.

The current structure of Partnerships was clarified, in particular the merger of three Partnerships in the north of Hampshire. Members felt that given the size of the new "Safer North Hampshire Partnership" it would be appropriate for the three Members formerly representing the HFRA in these areas to continue to do so.

The two vacant positions were highlighted and it was agreed to explore the possibility of co-option of non-HFRA Members, should the vacancies remain unfilled.

RESOLVED:

That the Authority make appointments to the following Community Safety Partnerships:

- Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, Hart District Council, and Rushmoor Borough Council – Safer North Hampshire Partnership
Cllr K. Chapman, Cllr D. Simpson, Cllr J. Wall
- East Hampshire District Council – East Hampshire District Council Community Safety Partnership
Cllr A. Carew
- Eastleigh Borough Council – Eastleigh Borough Council Community Safety Partnership
Vacancy
- Fareham Borough Council – Fareham Community Safety Partnership
Cllr R. Price
- Gosport Borough Council – Gosport Partnership

- Cllr C. Carter**
- Havant Borough Council – Safer Havant Partnership
- Cllr F. Pearce**
- New Forest District Council – New Forest Community Safety Partnership
- Cllr D Harrison**
- Test Valley Borough Council – Test Valley Borough Council Community Safety Partnership
- Cllr M. Cooper**
- Winchester City Council – Winchester District Strategic Partnership
- Vacancy**
- Southampton – Safe City Partnership Plan
- Cllr R. Smith**
- Portsmouth – Safer Portsmouth Partnership
- Cllr P. Smith, Cllr L. Stubbs**

89 **PRIMARY AUTHORITY SCHEME**

The Authority considered the report of the Chief Officer, Item 10 in the Minute Book, regarding the Primary Authority Scheme. The report was introduced and Members updated on the Scheme.

RESOLVED:

That Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority endorse the further development of the Primary Authority Scheme and delegate authority to pursue this to the Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee.

90 **SPRINKLERS POSITION STATEMENT – UPDATE**

The Authority considered the report of the Chief Officer, Item 11 in the Minute Book, updating Members on the Sprinkler Position Statement.

The background to the Statement was explained for the benefit of those Members who were relatively new to the Authority and the importance of Member involvement was explained. It was noted particularly that influencing the design of new buildings, including student Halls at an early stage had been more effective than regulation as it allowed for flexibility and negotiation. Members felt that success in Hampshire should be promoted nationally and it was confirmed that this was already happening.

RESOLVED:

1. That the sprinkler strategy of 2012 remains the position of Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority.
2. That Members continue to advocate and promote the position statement and in doing so actively contribute to achieving risk reduction via the promotion of sprinkler installations within identified risk premises.

91 **ADVERSE WEATHER DEBRIEF REPORT**

The Authority considered the report of the Chief Officer, Item 12 in the Minute Book, regarding adverse weather earlier in the year.

The overall success of the response to adverse weather in Hampshire was confirmed, however it was also noted that public expectations would likely be raised should repeat flooding occur in those areas again.

The methodology of the review was explained and a number of specific successes were highlighted. It was noted that in Hampshire the response had been pro-active and therefore been able to protect property in some areas as a result of rapid and well co-ordinated partnership working. The involvement and role of Utility firms as well as preventative action through countryside management was discussed.

RESOLVED:

To acknowledge the recommendations put forward to the LRF Executive Group and support HFRS in their part of the multi-agency implementation plan.

92 **DELIVERING DIFFERENTLY IN PARTNERSHIP**

The Authority considered the report of the Chief Officer, Item 12 in the Minute Book, regarding work being undertaken with the Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service to examine a future collaborative model of working.

The financial drivers for collaborative working between the two Services were explained and a number of other recent, similar models highlighted. It was confirmed that if it went ahead this would be an agreement under Section 16 of the Fire and Rescue Services Act for one authority to provide support to another in the exercise of their functions.

RESOLVED:

1. That Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority notes the contents of the report and progress to date.
2. That the Authority endorse the work of the joint project and programme boards in scoping this project and authorise the chief officer to progress the completion of a full business case and if appropriate a project initiation document (PID) for consideration by the Fire Authority at the December meeting

93 **MINUTES OF STANDARDS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – 6 JUNE 2014**

The Authority received and noted the Minutes of the Standards and Governance Committee meeting held on 6 June 2014.

94 **MINUTES OF FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE – 4 JULY 2014**

The Authority received and noted the Minutes of the Finance and General

Purposes Committee held on 4 July 2014.

The recommendations to the Authority in Minute 66 were considered and it was

RESOLVED:

1. That the annual treasury outturn report set out in appendix 2 of the Committee report be approved.
2. That the change in the Chief Financial Officer as set out in paragraph 9.5 of the Committee report be approved.

95 MINUTES OF HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 9 JULY 2014

The Authority received and noted the Minutes of the Human Resources Committee held on 9 July 2014.

96 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

The public were excluded from the meeting during the following item of business, as it was 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 have been disclosure to them of exempt information within Paragraph 3 of Part I Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, and further that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons set out in the appendix.

97 EXEMPT MINUTES OF FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE – 4 JULY 2014

The Authority received and noted the exempt Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 4 July 2014.

Members received a brief update on the progress of the estate transformation programme and it was

RESOLVED

To approve the recommendations to the Authority in Minute 72.

98 EXEMPT MINUTES OF HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 9 JULY 2014

HFRS Officers left the room for this item.

The Authority received and noted the exempt Minutes of the Human Resources Committee held on 9 July 2014.