

At a meeting of the HAMPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held at Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Eastleigh on 15 April 2015.

PRESENT:

Councillors:

p	Graham Burgess	p	Sharon Mintoff
p	Chris Carter (Chairman)	a	Roger Price
a	Roz Chadd	p	David Simpson
p	Stephen Hastings	a	Royston Smith
p	Geoff Hockley	p	Luke Stubbs (Vice Chairman)

The Chairman announced that the press and members of the public were permitted to film and broadcast the meeting. Those remaining at the meeting were consenting to being filmed and recorded, and to the possible use of those images and recording for broadcasting purposes.

**97 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Roz Chadd, Roger Price and Royston Smith.

**98 DISCLOSURES 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.

There were no declarations of interest received for the meeting.

**99 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING**

The Minutes from the meeting on the 28 January 2015 were agreed to be correct and signed by the Chairman.

With regards to Minute 93, it was confirmed that the business case relating to the Safer Portsmouth Partnership was still being prepared and would be considered at a future meeting.

**100 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Chairman's announcements.

## **101 DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations received for the meeting.

## **102 MEMBERSHIP OF FIREFIGHTERS PENSION BOARD**

The Committee received a report from the Chief Finance Officer regarding membership of the Firefighters' Pension Board (Item 6 in the Minute Book).

The background to the requirement to establish a Board was explained, in particular the requirement in the finalised Parliamentary Regulations that the Pension Scheme representative positions be open to deferred and retired members, as well as active members. The options for recruiting Scheme representatives were outlined and it was acknowledged that a nomination and election process had become impractical due to the increased number of Scheme members involved. For this reason, the option of a selection panel including Trade Union representatives was being recommended. It was explained that including one representative from each of the Fire Officers' Association (FOA), the Retained Firefighters' Union (RFU) and the Fire Brigades Union (FBU) covered the broadest possible spread of scheme members. The Committee were supportive, agreeing that this approach would provide transparency.

The timescales for the process were discussed and it was proposed and agreed that the three F&GP Committee representatives on the selection panel be Councillors Carter, Stubbs and Price.

### **RESOLVED:**

The Finance and General Purposes Committee resolved that:

- 1) The publication of the final regulations in respect of the changes to the pension scheme and pension board arrangements as described at paragraph 3.9 of the report be noted.
- 2) Changes to the Terms of Reference as provided at Appendix 1 be approved in order to comply with the final regulations.
- 3) Employer member representatives be appointed to the Firefighter's Pension Board by the Authority at its meeting on 11 June 2015.
- 4) Scheme member representatives are appointed in line with the proposals set out in option four as detailed in this report, subject to final approval by the Authority at its meeting on 11 June.
- 5) The Delegated authority given to the Director of Professional Services be extended to seek applications from existing active, deferred and pensioner scheme members and to carry out an appropriate application and selection process to select the three scheme member representatives to the Board with the assistance of a panel of members from F & G P Committee together with representatives from the respective representative bodies in accordance with 4 above.
- 6) That Councillors Carter, Stubbs and Price be appointed to the selection

panel described in 5 above.