

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 1 November 2016.

PRESENT:

Councillors:

p	John Bennison	p	Fiona Mather
p	Graham Burgess (Vice Chairman)	p	Sharon Mintoff
p	Chris Carter	p	Roger Price
p	David Fuller	a	David Simpson
a	Geoff Hockley	p	Luke Stubbs (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 recordings for broadcasting purposes.

**166 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Geoff Hockley and David Simpson.

**167 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 personal interests in any such matter that they might have wished to disclose.

There were no declarations of interest received for the meeting.

**168 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING**

The minutes from the meeting on the 1 September 2016 were agreed to be correct and signed by the Chairman.

**169 DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations received for the meeting.

**170 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Chairman's Announcements.

## **171 STRATEGIC PROPERTY AND ESTATES PLAN**

The Committee considered a report from the Chief Officer (Item 6 in the Minute Book) which presented Members with a final plan that had been produced following the agreement of principles at a previous meeting.

The plan set out how the estate would be managed over the coming years and the key principles were highlighted on Page 5 of the plan (appendix). It was confirmed that Fareham and Emsworth Stations were leased and the other 49 Fire Stations are owned by the authority. In support of the principle of HFRS owning their own property, an alternative for Emsworth would be considered if a suitable site arose, but nothing was currently identified. Fareham has a long lease and is a good facility which the Service has invested in over recent years. Therefore, there were no plans to move.

During questions from Members, it was noted that the £98 million valuation of assets was based on the rebuild costs rather than asset value. Advice had been sought from a quantity surveyor regarding market rent and service charges where applicable. The plan finished in 2020 in order to sync in with other plans, but it was emphasised that the plan was a working document that would be reviewed annually over this period. It was highlighted that the Authority were very proactive with energy efficiency and was always looking at how this could be improved at all premises.

It was acknowledged that the Isle of Wight (IOW) was referenced in the group map on page 17. This was a standard operational map that was not applicable to this subject. It was agreed that references to the IOW would be removed to prevent any potential confusion or misunderstanding.

### **RESOLVED:**

The Finance and General Purposes Committee endorsed the Strategic Property and Estates Plan attached to the report as Appendix A, subject to references to the Isle of Wight being removed from page 17 of the plan.

## **172 VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME: PROPOSALS FOR 2017/18 TO 2021/22 (LESS EXEMPT APPENDIX)**

The Committee considered a report from the Chief Officer (Item 6 in the Minute Book) regarding the vehicle replacement programme vehicles for 2017/18 – 2021/22.

Officers gave an overview of the current process to trail the new capability vehicles and confirmed that assessments were currently being undertaken to establish the most suitable vehicles for the Service going forward. Some

vehicles previously leased by the Service were purchased after their leases had expired, where it was cost effective to do so. Inflation had been taken into account with pricing in the document. Some electric vehicles were being tested and the Service had identified options to use these in the most effective way.

### **173 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 report.

### **174 VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME: PROPOSALS FOR 2017/18 TO 2021/22 – EXEMPT APPENDIX**

The contents of the appendix were not specifically discussed, but noted by Committee.

### **175 PROPERTY RELATED MATTERS**

To consider an exempt report from the Chief Officer (Item 10 in the Minute Book) regarding property related matters. [SEE EXEMPT MINUTE].

### **176 JOINT STRATEGIC HEADQUARTERS – PHASE 2 DEVELOPMENT**

To consider an exempt report from the Chief Officer (Item 11 in the Minute Book) regarding Phase 2 development at the Joint Strategic Headquarters. [SEE EXEMPT MINUTE]

### **177 URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE RELOCATION**

To consider an exempt report from the Chief Officer (Item 12 in the Minute Book) regarding the Urban Search and Rescue relocation. [SEE EXEMPT MINUTE]