

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 23 March 2016.

PRESENT:

Councillors:

p	John Bennison	a	Geoff Hockley
p	Graham Burgess (Vice Chairman)	p	Sharon Mintoff
p	Chris Carter	p	Roger Price
p	Roz Chadd	p	David Simpson
a	David Fuller	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.

137 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr David Fuller.

138 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.

139 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

The Minutes from the meeting on the 3 February 2016 were agreed to be correct and signed by the Chairman.

140 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements.

141 DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations received for the meeting.

142 FUNDING REQUIRED TO ENABLE SERVICE IMPROVEMENT THROUGH SERVICE DELIVERY REDESIGN AND RELATED PROJECTS

The Committee considered a report from the Chief Officer regarding the Service Delivery Redesign and spend from the Transformation Fund (Item 6 in the Minute Book).

The report was introduced and it was confirmed that the extraordinary meeting had been arranged around the cycle with implementing the redesign programme and was not a result of unexpected or emergency approval being required. It was explained that there were two elements to the spend being sought: That which had been directly approved by the Full Authority on the 24 February, and also, indirectly, that which was linked to the general maintenance and upkeep of equipment.

During questions, it was confirmed that all posts would be backfilled, and such arrangements had been taken into account in the budgeting process. Every effort would be made to ensure that posts would remain for people to return to their original roles after the process had been completed.

Names of the new Service Delivery team would be circulated to Members for information and updates would follow at a future meeting on progress with building good relationships with partners and changes to local stations.

RESOLVED:

That the Finance and General Purposes Committee approved the spending of £3,484m met by the Transformation Fund to enable the Service Delivery Redesign and related projects to progress.