

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 8 July 2015.

PRESENT:

Councillors:

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

The Vice-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.

103 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Luke Stubbs.

104 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.

105 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

The Minutes from the meeting on the 15 April 2015 were agreed to be correct and signed by the Chairman.

106 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements.

107 DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations received for the meeting.

108 PROPERTY RELATED MATTERS

The Committee received a report from the Chief Fire Officer regarding property related matters (Item 6 in the Minute Book).

It was noted that this report related to matters that had been agreed by the Chief Officer under delegated authority. The individual actions were outlined to the Committee.

RESOLVED:

The Finance and General Purposes Committee resolved to note the actions taken under delegated powers, as detailed in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the report.

109 FINAL ACCOUNTS

The Committee received a report from the Chief Officer and Chief Finance Officer (Item 7 in the Minute Book) regarding the Authority's accounts.

The Capital budget position was presented to Members and a number of variations explained. It was confirmed that the timescale for some items had slipped as it was necessary to review requirements.

The Treasury Management report at Appendix 3 was presented to the Committee, who noted that this required approval by the full Authority. Members discussed a number of other key points, in particular relating to pension liability and reserves.

RESOLVED:

The Finance and General Purposes Committee resolved:

- i. That the annual treasury outturn report set out in appendix 3 of this report be noted and **RECOMMENDED** to the Full Authority for approval
- ii. That the capital payments for the year be financed as set out in paragraph 4.13 of this report.
- iii. That the carry forward of specific underspend set out in paragraph 7.2 of this report be approved.
- iv. That the Transformation Reserve be set up in 2014/15, amalgamating previous reserves for use in the transformation of future services.
- v. That the changes to the capital payments in 2014/15 (Appendix 1) and the impact on the capital spend profile going forward (Appendix 2) are noted and approved.
- vi. That the accounts for 2014/15 be approved including the use of reserves

set out in paragraph 7.12 and 8.3 of this report.

- vii. That delegated authority be given to the Chief Officer in consultation with the Chief Finance Office and Chairman of the Authority to approve time critical expenditure where it is in the best interests of the Service from the Transformation Reserve subject to it being reported retrospectively to the next F&GP Committee.

110 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:

That in relation to the following item the public be excluded from the meeting, 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 the item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information within Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of 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 outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons set out in the report.

111 JOINT FIRE AND POLICE HEADQUARTERS

The Committee received an exempt report from the Chief Officer (item 9 in the Minute Book) regarding the joint Fire and Police Headquarters.

Members were reminded of the background and context of the project and discussed a number of key elements raised in the report in their consideration of the recommendations.

(Summary of an exempt Minute)

RESOLVED:

The Finance and General Purposes Committee resolved to:

- i. Note the significant progress made with the Fire and Police Headquarter project
- ii. Provide an additional £1.4 million from the Transformation reserve
- iii. Authorise the Director of Professional Services to use a £200,000 contingency for the project. This would not be used to increase the scope.
- iv. Delegate authority to the Chief Officer, in consultation with the Chairman of the Fire Authority to agree the lease arrangements with Hampshire Constabulary for their move into the Headquarters building in October/November 2015.