

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 24 June, 2010.

PRESENT:

Councillors : I. F. E Beagley (Chairman); C. Carter; L. Fairhurst; F. Jonas; F. Pearce; R. Price; D. Simpson.

24 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A.S. Carew; R. Smith and A. Weeks.

25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were mindful that, where they believed that they had a personal or personal prejudicial interest in any matter to be considered at the meeting, they should normally, at the time of the debate, declare their interest and having regard to the circumstances described in Paragraphs 9, 10, 11 and 12 of the Fire Authority's Code of Conduct, consider whether to leave the meeting whilst the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with paragraph 12 of the Code.

There were no declarations of interest made by Members under this item.

26 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 January, 2010 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to Councillor D. Simpson's apologies being recorded.

Matters arising:

Oversight of the fourth priority in the Service Plan 2009-12

On Minute 21, the Chief Officer reported it was his intention to share with Members of the Committee what had been drafted in relation to the fourth priority in the Service Plan concerning environmental management and reduction of the carbon footprint.

27 DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations to the meeting.

28 FINAL ACCOUNTS 2009/10

The Committee considered the report of the Treasurer and Chief Officer (Item 5 in the Minute Book) on the final accounts 2009/10. Members noted the difficult financial position ahead facing the public sector in the light of the newly elected Government's emergency budget proposals. The Treasurer confirmed that the Committee would be updated on the implications for the Fire Authority as details emerged.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the carry forward of specific underspending set out in paragraph 7.4 of the report be approved.
- (b) That the accounts for 2009/10 be approved including the use of reserves set out in paragraph 7.8 of the report.
- (c) That capital payments for the year be financed as set out in paragraph 4.7 of the report.
- (d) That the minor variation to the vehicle replacement programme detailed in paragraph 4.5 of the report be approved.
- (e) That the treasury management activities set out in paragraph 5 and prudential indicators in appendix 3 to the report be approved.

29 **APPOINTMENTS TO THE ASSET MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP**

The Committee considered the report of the Clerk (Item 6 in the Minute Book) about the appointment of Members to this Working Group.

RESOLVED:

That the following Members be appointed to the Asset Management Working Group:

Councillors: C. Carter
 F. Jonas (Chairman)
 R.H. Price
 D. Simpson

[Note: Councillor I. Beagley is an ex-officio Member of the Working Group as Chairman of Finance and General Purposes and Councillor R. Smith is an ex-officio Member as Chairman of the Authority].

30 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED:

That, the public be excluded from the meeting during the following item of business, as it is 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 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.

31 WORKFORCE STRATEGY MANAGEMENT INFORMATION PROJECT

The Committee considered and recommend that the Authority approve the exempt report of the Chief Officer (Item 8 in the Minute Book) about meeting the needs of the Service's Workforce Strategy Management Information Project. [Summary of an Exempt Minute].

NOTE: At the conclusion of the meeting the Asset Management Working Group and other Committee Members received an informal presentation on various property matters.

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