

AT A MEETING of the HAMPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY held at the Borough Council Offices, Eastleigh on 9 June, 2010

PRESENT:

Councillors: I. Beagley; A.S. Carew; C. Carter; K. Chapman; A. Evans; L. Fairhurst; J. Frankum; D. Fuller; D. Harrison; R.J. Kimber; R. McIntosh; J. Moulton; S. Payne; F. Pearce; R. Price; D. Simpson; R. Smith; M. Tucker; A. Weeks; J. West; P. West.

88 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A. Fraser; F. Jonas; D.A. Kirk; P. Marsh-Jenks.

89 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED:

That Councillor R. Smith be appointed Chairman until the Annual Meeting of the Authority in 2011.

90 TRAGIC DEATH OF FIREFIGHTERS JAMES SHEARS AND ALAN BANNON ON 6 APRIL, 2010

The Chairman invited Members of the Authority to stand for a minute's silence as a mark of respect to Hampshire firefighters James Shears and Alan Bannon who had tragically lost their lives on 6 April, 2010 tackling a fire at Shirley Towers in Southampton.

91 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMEN

RESOLVED:

That Councillors I. Beagley and A. Evans be appointed Vice-Chairmen until the Annual Meeting of the Authority in 2011.

92 APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER

The Authority considered the report of the Clerk (Item 4 in the Minute Book) about the appointment of a new Treasurer following the retirement of the former Treasurer, John Pittam on 8 June, 2010.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That Sarah Pook be appointed as Treasurer to the Authority until 17 August, 2010.
- (b) That Carolyn Williamson be appointed as Treasurer from 17 August, 2010.

93 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were mindful that, where they believed 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.

Councillor R. Smith declared a personal interest in relation to Item 13 as a Member of Southampton City Council (Minute 101 refers).

94 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Authority held on 10 February, 2010 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

95 DEPUTATION BY MR. E. BURROWS OF FIRE BRIGADES UNION

Mr. E. Burrows made a deputation to the Authority regarding the recent deaths of firefighters James Shears and Alan Bannon. He paid tribute to HFRS staff for the support provided to their families since the tragic incident on 6 April, 2010. He also reported his observations on the Efficient Flexible Project and issues raised by the FBU in relation to the introduction of a "staff bank".

96 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS AND DEVELOPMENT

Whilst there were no Members' questions, Councillor P. West reported upon her attendance at an International Women's Day event on 8 March, 2010 which had involved Kathy Bowden-Ellis and her team from HFRS. She paid tribute to the efforts of the HFRS staff involved for making it a successful day.

97 CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Jeremy Moulton as a new Member of the Authority in place of Councillor Peter Galton. He also introduced Councillor Kay Hammond, Cabinet Member for Community Safety from Surrey County Council who had been invited to observe the meeting.

The Chairman made mention of the difficult time in recent months in coming to terms with the loss of firefighters Alan Bannon and James Shears. A Memorial Service was to be held on 14 July, 2010 at Winchester Cathedral to enable the wider fire sector and local community to pay their own personal respects.

The Authority noted that Bob Neill MP had been appointed as the new Minister for Fire and that he was intending to visit HFRS in the near future.

Finally, the Chairman reported that the Hampshire Senate was organising a partnership conference on 7 September, 2010 at Ashburton Hall, Winchester. Two places were available, one of which he proposed to fill. He invited any other

Member who was interested to attend to contact the Chief Officer.

98 **ACTIVITY REPORT**

The Authority received and noted the report of the Chief Officer (Item 10 in the Minute Book) highlighting prevention, protection and response activities in each of the group areas. The Chief Officer undertook to give a description of "Mosaic Group Training" in the next activity report.

99 **REVIEW OF CURRENT COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING ARRANGEMENTS**

The Authority considered the report of the Clerk (Item 11 in the Minute Book) making recommendations to the Authority, upon the Authority's current committee and decision making arrangements, to ensure that these remain efficient and fit for purpose.

RESOLVED:

That the terms of reference to the Authority's committees be revised, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report.

100 **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES, CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMANSHIPS, DEPUTIES AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS**

The Authority considered the report of the Clerk (Item 12 in the Minute Book) seeking approval to the proportional allocation of members to the Authority's Finance and General Purposes, Governance, Human Resources, Performance Review and Scrutiny and Standards Committees, to the appointment of members and deputies to serve on each, the appointment of their respective Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen and to various other appointments.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That, for the purposes of Part 1 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the allocation of seats on the Finance and General Purposes, Governance, Human Resources, Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee and Standards Committee of the Authority be as set out in Paragraph 3.4 of the report.
- (b) That the Authority re-appoint members of the Finance and General Purposes, Governance, Human Resources, Performance Review and Scrutiny and Standards Committees and their respective Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen (other than for Standards which is to appoint its own Vice-Chairman next time) as follows:-

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES

I. Beagley (Chairman)
A.S. Carew
C. Carter

F. Pearce
R. Price
D. Simpson

L. Fairhurst
F. Jonas (Portsmouth) (Vice-Chairman)

R. Smith (Southampton)
A. Weeks

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

A.S. Carew
L. Fairhurst (Vice-Chairman)
D. Fuller
D. Harrison
D.A. Kirk

P. Marsh-Jenks (Southampton)
R. McIntosh (Chairman)
R. Smith (Southampton)
Mrs. M. Tucker

HUMAN RESOURCES

A.S. Carew
K. Chapman (Chairman)
A. Evans (Vice-Chairman)
J. Frankum
A. Fraser (Portsmouth)
D. Fuller (Portsmouth)

R. Kimber
J. Moulton (Southampton)
Sam Payne
Mrs. M. Tucker
J.K. West
P. West

PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND SCRUTINY

I. Beagley
K. Chapman
A. Evans
J. Frankum
D.A. Kirk (Chairman)

Sam Payne
D. Simpson
A. Weeks
P. West (Vice-Chairman)

STANDARDS

C. Carter
J. Frankum
A. Fraser (Portsmouth)
D. Harrison
F. Jonas (Portsmouth)
R. Kimber

INDEPENDENT MEMBERS

Mr. M. James (Chairman)
R. Farrall
M. Quick

- (c) That the Authority appoint members to each of the 13 Crime and Disorder Reduction/Community Safety Partnerships currently operated by the 11 districts and 2 unitary authorities in the Authority's area as follows:

Basingstoke	K. Chapman
East Hants	J. West
Eastleigh	D. Harrison
Fareham	R. Price
Gosport	A. Carter
Hart	D. Simpson
Havant	F. Pearce
New Forest	A. Weeks

Portsmouth	A. Fraser and D. Fuller
Rushmoor	R. Kimber
Southampton	R. Smith
Test Valley	D.A. Kirk
Winchester	Vacancy

- (d) That the Corporate Management Team continue as previously and comprise as follows:

R. Smith (Chairman)
 I. Beagley (Vice-Chairman)
 A. Evans (Vice-Chairman)
 K. Chapman (Chairman of Human Resources Committee and also a Member of Performance Review)
 R. Price (Liberal Democrat Member)
 D. Simpson (Liberal Democrat Member)
 Labour Member Spokesperson

[Note: After the Authority meeting, the Clerk was notified that P. Marsh-Jenks and J. Frankum would share this role with a six monthly period each].

- (e) That Councillor R. Price be appointed to serve on the Local Authority Controlled Company in relation to the governance and management of the Regional Control Centre.

101 **ORGANISATIONAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS OF THE INCIDENT AT SHIRLEY TOWERS, SOUTHAMPTON**

[Councillor R. Smith declared a personal interest in this item as a Member of Southampton City Council].

The Authority received and noted the report of the Chief Officer (Item 13 in the Minute Book) about the current and potential organisational and resource implications arising from the Shirley Towers incident on 6 April, 2010.

102 **HAMPSHIRE BLUE LAMP TRUST**

The Authority considered the report of the Chief Officer (Item 14 in the Minute Book) about the proposal to support in principle the Hampshire Blue Lamp Trust, a joint initiative between Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service and Hampshire Constabulary. If it was established, Members wished to receive a report back to the Governance Committee on its first year of operation and funding arrangements.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the proposal to establish the Blue Lamp Trust be supported in principle.

- (b) That, if and when established, the Chairman of the Authority and the Chief Officer be appointed as Members of the Board of Trustees.
- (c) That, if established, one administrative post be funded for one year whilst area based funding is received in future years.
- (d) That, subject to the Trust being established, the Chief Officer report back to the Governance Committee on its first year of operation, and funding arrangements.

103 SOUTH EAST FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES REGIONAL MANAGEMENT BOARD : UPDATE FOLLOWING MEETING HELD ON 7 APRIL, 2010

The Authority received and noted the report of the Chief Officer (Item 15 in the Minute Book) highlighting some of the key issues discussed at the South East Fire and Rescue Service Regional Management Board meeting held on 7 April, 2010.

104 FIRELINK AND FIRE CONTROL PROJECTS UPDATE

The Authority received the report of the Chief Officer (Item 16 in the Minute Book) giving an update on Firelink (National Radio Scheme) and the Fire Control Regional Control Centre projects. The Chief Officer highlighted the key issues raised by the Select Committee Inquiry regarding the Fire Control project and that it was his intention to report any proposed changes to the project made by the newly elected Government to the Finance and General Purposes Committee. The position in relation to the Local Authority Controlled Company was also noted.

105 MINUTES OF THE PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 26 FEBRUARY, 2010

The Authority received the Minutes of the Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 26 February, 2010 (Item 17 in the Minute Book).

106 MINUTES OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – 24 MARCH, 2010

The Authority received the Minutes of the Governance Committee meeting held on 24 March, 2010 (Item 18 in the Minute Book).

107 MINUTES OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 29 MARCH, 2010

The Authority received the Minutes of the Human Resources Committee held on 29 March, 2010 (Item 19 in the Minute Book).