MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

ASSET MANAGEMENT AND SHARED SERVICES COMMITTEE

9th July 2009

PRESENT: Councillor Sharon Sullivan (Chair);

Councillors Ted Grannell, Jack Colbert, Gerry Ellis, Andrew Blackburn, Eddie Clein and Lesley Rennie

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Ken Roughley, Steve Niblock, Vera Best

and Betty Lowe MBE

Apologies for absence were received from:

Councillor Tony Newman

1. **Preliminary Matters**

The Committee considered if there were any declarations of interest, matters of urgency or items that may require the exclusion of the press and public because of the possibility of the disclosure of exempt information.

It was determined that:

- (a) There were no declarations of interest in relation to any item on the agenda.
- (b) The following additional item was included for discussion at the meeting:
 - CFO/182/09 Provision of Safety Cover for Balfour Beatty Construction during the Refurbishment of the Runcorn Widnes Bridge.
- (c) The following items were Exempt, requiring the exclusion of the press and public:
 - Item 4 CFO/169/09 Private Finance Initiative Progress Report for the Period May & June 2009.

This report contains EXEMPT information by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 15th May 2009 were approved as a true record and signed accordingly by the Chair of the Committee.

3. Vesty Park Accommodation Project - Verbal Update

Members were provided with a presentation by Dave Robinson updating them on the progress made at the Vesty Park site with regards to interior layouts, tender processes and the budget position.

Resolved that:

- (a) Members requested that further information including estimated costs be brought back to the Committee concerning the proposed security arrangements for the Vesty Park site.
- (b) A report is to be brought back to the next meeting of the Committee detailing options for backfilling the vacated space at the current sites.
- (c) Members requested that a detailed breakdown of the current budget position for the Vesty Accommodation Project be brought back to the next meeting of the Committee.
- 4. <u>Private Finance Initiative Progress Report For the Period May June2009</u> (CFO/169/09)

This report contains EXEMPT information by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

Members considered and noted report CFO/169/09 of the Chief Fire Officer, concerning a review of progress on the North West Fire & Rescue Services Private Finance Initiative for the period May - June 2009.

5. Additional Item - Provision of Safety Cover for Balfour Beattie Construction during the Refurbishment of the Runcorn Widnes Bridge. (CFO/182/09)

Members considered and approved Report CFO/182/09 of the Acting Chief Fire Officer concerning the provision of safety cover by MFRS personnel on a commercial basis for the work being carried out by Balfour Beattie Construction during the refurbishment of the Runcorn/Widnes Bridge.

Close.		

Date of next Meeting: Thursday 26th November 2009