

**MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY
AUTHORITY MEETING
30TH JUNE 2011**

PRESENT: Councillors Dave Hanratty (Chair), Ted Grannell, Jimmy Mahon, Denise Roberts, Sharon Sullivan, Les Byrom, Colin Strickland, Eddie Clein, Ian Lewis, Terry Jones, Leslie Rennie, Steve Niblock, Linda Maloney, Vi Bebb and Robbie Ayres,

ALSO PRESENT: Independent Member Carole Roberts

Apologies for absence were received from:
Councillors Tony Newman (Chair) Andrew
Blackburn and Barbara Murray.

Prior to the proceedings

Councillor Hanratty requested that all Members introduce themselves and give a brief overview of who they are, what position they hold and what Council they represent.

Officers and the Union Representatives were also asked to identify themselves.

A hard copy of the Constitution was provided for all Members to which they signed a receipt for Authority records.

All Members were also provided with Diary size laminated dates of meetings with a colour guide on the reverse detailing which committee or panel each Member is appointed to.

Members were informed of an Amendment made to item 3 (CFO/066/11) on the agenda, Paragraph 3 and the adjoining table. The actual closing balance should read £17,822.

Appendix F to Report CFO/066/11 was also tabled at the meeting for reference.

1. Preliminary Matters

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

- (a) No declarations of interest were made by any of the Members in relation to any item of business on the agenda.
- (b) No additional items of business were determined as a matter of urgency.
- (c) No items of business required the exclusion of the press and public due to the disclosure of exempt information.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th June 2011 were considered by the Authority.

It was noted that a typing error had been made at item 5 – Sefton Council heading should read 4 Members instead of 3 Members.

It was agreed that with the inclusion of the amendment to item 5 that the minutes be signed by the Chair as a true record.

3. Revenue Outturn 2010-11 & The Statement of Accounts (CFO/066/11)

Members considered Report CFO/066/11 of the Assistant Chief Executive & Treasurer concerning the final accounts position for 2010/11.

Members were provided with a detailed overview PowerPoint presentation in support of the Report.

Members Resolved to:

- (a) note the final accounts of the Authority and the savings achieved for 2010/11 of £2.140 million
- (b) confirm their approval of continuing to fund £ 0.934m capitalised smoke alarm installation costs from borrowing as part of a medium term financial strategy.
- (c) note the resultant £2.140m increase in the General Fund Reserve.
- (d) note the efforts and time that officers dedicate to various lobbying groups.
- (e) note the presentation and also to request that copies of the presentation be sent to all Members.
- (f) note the importance of attendance by all Members at the Strategy Days in July and January which give an in depth strategic overview of the Authority and the Budget.
- (g) Pass thanks to the finance team for all their hard work.

4. **CLG Consultation on the Future of Local Public Audit**
(CFO/067/11)

Members considered Report CFO/067/11 of the Assistant Chief Executive & Treasurer concerning CLG consultation on the future of Local Public Audit and the Authority's proposed responses to it.

Members resolved to approve the proposed responses to the consultation.

5. **Employee Code of Conduct**
(CFO/069/11)

Members considered Report CFO/069/11 of the Deputy Chief Executive & Deputy Chief Fire Officer concerning a Draft Employee Code of Conduct.

Members resolved to approve the draft Code of Conduct for employees, attached as Appendix A to the Report, subject to consultation with the representative bodies.

6. **Tender for Insurance Services**
(CFO/070/11)

Members considered Report CFO/070/11 of the Assistant Chief Executive & Treasurer concerning the award of the contract for the Authority's insurance services.

Members Resolved to:

- (a) note the recommendations of the Report relating to the savings resulting from the insurance tender process.
- (b) thank the Officers concerned for their good work in achieving the results.

Date of the Next Meeting: 21st July 2011