

**COMMUNITY SAFETY & IRMP COMMITTEE**

**OF THE**

**MERSEYSIDE FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY**

**29<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2010**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Betty Lowe MBE (Chair),  
Sharon Sullivan, Jack Colbert, Ken Roughley,  
Denise Roberts and Ted Grannell

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**ALSO  
PRESENT:** Councillors Gerry Ellis  
Independent Member Linda Phillips

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**Apologies for absence were received from  
Councillors Lesley Rennie and Steve Niblock**

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**1. Preliminary Matters**

- (a) No declarations of interest were made in relation to any item of business on the Agenda.
- (b) There were no additional items of business to be considered as a matter of urgency.
- (c) There were no items of business requiring the exclusion of the press and public.

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The proceedings of the previous meeting of the Community Safety & IRMP Committee held on the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2010 were agreed as a correct record and signed accordingly by the Chair.

**3. Local Integrated Risk Management Plans  
(CFO/057/10)**

Members considered Report CFO/057/10 of the Chief Executive and Chief Fire Officer, concerning the production of a Local Integrated Risk Management Plan for each of the five districts of Merseyside.

**Resolved that:**

The five district IRMP's for publication on the Merseyfire website be approved.

4. **Retained Firefighters Training Programme**  
(CFO/052/10)

Members considered and noted Report CFO/052/10 of the Assistant Chief Fire Officer concerning the contents of the Retained Firefighters training programme.

Resolved that:

The report CFO/052/10 be noted.

5. **Addition of a USAR Training Rig to the Hazmats Training Rig at the TDA**  
(CFO/055/10)

Members considered Report CFO/055/10 of the Assistant Chief Fire Officer, concerning the addition of an Urban Search and Rescue Training Rig to the Hazardous Materials Training Rig to be developed at the Training and Development Academy (TDA). Members discussed the benefits of holding a meeting at the TDA to coincide with a demonstration.

Resolved that:

- a) The addition of a USAR training facility to the Hazmats training rig to be developed at the TDA be approved.
- b) A demonstration be held for Members once the Training Rig is completed.
- c) Officers look into the possibility of holding a future meeting of the Committee at the TDA to coincide with the demonstration of the Training Rig.

6. **Brighton Street Fire Investigation - Fire Safety Issues**  
(CFO/058/10)

Members considered Report CFO/058/10 of the Chief Executive and Chief Fire Officer concerning actions following a fatal fire at 93B Brighton Street, Wallasey on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2009, and the follow up investigation of legislative fire safety issues.

Resolved that:

- a) The contents of the report and the actions taken be noted.
- b) A report be brought back to the Committee concerning the possibilities of fire safety recommendations being added into planning permissions, for example to include the recommendation that a sprinkler system be installed in a building. The report should also provide clarity for Members the various legal complications associated with the installation of sprinkler systems in certain buildings.

7. **Enforcement Procedure - Service Instruction**  
(CFO/061/10)

Members considered and approved Report CFO/061/10 of the Chief Executive and Chief Fire Officer concerning the Service Instruction that will be used by the Fire Safety Inspectors under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

Resolved that:

Report CFO/061/10 be approved.

8. **North West Fire and Rescue Services Cage Soccer/Climbing Wall Initiative**  
(CFO/060/10)

Members considered Report CFO/060/10 of the Chief Executive and Chief Fire Officer concerning the successful application to the North West Improvement & Efficiency Partnership's 2009/10 Efficiency & Transformation Capital Fund for £200,000.

Resolved that:

- a) Members approved receipt of the bid; and
- b) Instructed Officers to set the project management in place to initiate the project.

9. **Membership of The Mersey Partnership**  
(CFO/059/10)

Members considered Report CFO/059/10 of the Executive Director of Resources, concerning membership of The Mersey Partnership.

Resolved that:

Merseyside Fire & Rescue Authority continue membership of The Mersey Partnership.

**10. Project Watersave II**  
(CFO/069/10)

Members considered Report CFO/069/10 of the Assistant Chief Fire Officer concerning the opportunity for Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service to contribute to the development of a European Union Flood Response Capability.

Resolved that:

The involvement of Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service in Project Watersave II be approved.

**11. British Safety Council Awards**  
(CFO/068/10)

Members considered Report CFO/068/10 of the Assistant Chief Fire Officer, concerning the recent British Safety Council Combined Health & Safety Management System Audit undertaken by the Service.

Resolved that:

- a) The achievements of the Service be noted in relation to the three awards received:
  - Accreditation to OHSAS 18001:2007 standard
  - BSC Five Star Award
  - BSC International Award 2009
- b) The attendance of Service representatives be approved at the British Safety Council awards ceremonies to collect the awards achieved as follows:
  - i) Two personnel from the TDA attend the Five Star Awards Ceremony to collect the award for MFRS; and
  - ii) A selected party of six, including the Member Champion for Health & Safety, a Principal Officer and four other personnel, attend the International Safety Awards Banquet to collect the award for MFRS.

Close. \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Next Meeting: To be confirmed at AGM.