

**MERSEYSIDE FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY**  
**NORTH WEST REGIONAL CONTROL & FIRELINK COMMITTEE**  
**4<sup>th</sup> MAY 2010**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Ken Roughley (Chair)  
Councillors Ted Grannell,

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Betty Lowe MBE, Lesley Rennie

**Apologies for absence were received from:** Councillor Sharon Sullivan  
and L Phillips.

**NOT PRESENT:** Councillor Steve Niblock, Andrew  
Blackburn

**1. Preliminary Matters:**

- (a) There were no declarations of interest by individual Members in relation to any item of business on the agenda
- (b) There were no additional items of business which the Chair determined should be considered as a matter of urgency.
- (c) There were no EXEMPT items requiring the exclusion of the press and public.

**2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee, held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2010 were approved as a correct record and signed accordingly by the Chair.

**3. NATIONAL AUDIT OFFICE REPORT ON THE FIRECONTROL PROJECT**  
(CFO/070/10)

Members considered report CFO/070/10 regarding the national Audit Office. Kieran Timmins gave an overview of this report which offered no conclusions or observations as to whether the project offers value for money to the taxpayer.

**Resolved that:**

- (a) Members noted the content of the report, and expressed their disappointment that this project had not moved forward. It was agreed that Members needed to lobby which ever political party take over following the election.

(b) Members expressed their concern as to the uncertainty of our own staff as peoples jobs could be at stake.

4. **FIRELINK PAYMENTS: UPDATE**

(CFO/072/10)

Members considered and noted CFO/072/10 regarding firelink payments summary and associated letters.

5. **REQUEST FOR FUNDING MACC SYSTEMS UPGRADE073/10**

(CFO/073/10)

Members considered report CFO/073/10 regarding a request for funding MACC systems upgrade.

Resolved that:

(a) Members noted report and;

(b) Members requested a full report on the need for the systems upgrade be brought back to the next Full Authority Meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

Date of next Meeting:

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2010

Close.

Chair:\_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_\_\_\_