REGIONAL, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE OF THE MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY <u>1^{SI} OCTOBER 2009</u>

MINUTES

PRESENT:	Councillors: Eddie Clein (Chair), Steve Niblock, Denise Roberts and Ted Grannell

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Betty Lowe MBE Independent Member Linda Phillips

> Apologies for absence were received from: Councillor Dave Hanratty

1. <u>Preliminary Matters</u>:

- (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; and
- (c) There were no items of business which required the exclusion of the press and public because of the disclosure of exempt information.

2. <u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</u>

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee, held on 14th May 2009 were approved as a correct record and signed accordingly by the Chair.

3. <u>North West Fire & Rescue Management Board Bulletin</u> (CFO/190/09)

Members considered and noted Report CFO/190/09 of the Executive Director of Law concerning the latest Bulletin issued by the North West Fire & Rescue Management Board.

4. <u>Progress of Regional Collaboration Ventures</u> (CFO/191/09)

Members considered and noted Report CFO/191/09 of the Executive Director of Law concerning the progress of Regional Collaboration Ventures undertaken in the North West Region.

5. <u>North West Improvement and Efficiency Partnership Update</u> (CFO/192/09)

Members considered and noted Report CFO/192/09 of the Executive Director of Law concerning the publication of the North West Improvement and Efficiency Partnership (NWIEP) Annual Report 2008-2009, and the progress of the four programmes currently being delivered by the North West Fire & Rescue Services in partnership with NWIEP.

6. <u>Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service Travel Plan</u>

(CFO/203/09)

Members considered Report CFO/203/09 of the Executive Director of Resources concerning the MF&RS Travel Plan 2009.

Members resolved:

- (a) To note the Report.
- (b) To approve the Travel Plan 2009.

7. Formation of a Partnership for European Funding (CFO/208/09)

Members considered Report CFO/208/09 of the Chief Fire Officer concerning the formation of a European bid partnership with Merseytravel and Anglia Ruskin University.

Members approved the formation of the partnership and resolved to support the principle of making bids for European funding.

Date of next Meeting:

Thursday 14th January 2010.

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