

**MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY
STANDARDS COMMITTEE
10th March 2011**

PRESENT: Independent Members Carol Roberts (Chair) and Keith Pickup
Councillors Ted Grannell, Steve Niblock, Gerry Ellis and Leslie Rennie

ALSO PRESENT: Officers – Janet Henshaw
Sarah Bourne

Apologies for absence were received from: CFO
- Tony McGuirk, Councillor Andrew Blackburn
and Councillor Martyn Barber

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 because of the disclosure of exempt information.

- (a) No declarations of interest were made by any of the Members in relation to any matter 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 because of the disclosure of exempt information.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th December 2010 were approved as a correct record and signed accordingly by the Chair.

**3. Annual Report of the Standards Committee
(CFO/023/11)**

Members considered Report CFO/023/11 of the Clerk to the Authority and Monitoring Officer concerning the work of the Standards Committee and its future.

Members Resolved that:

- (a) the contents of the Report and Appendix A be noted.
- (b) that discussions between the Monitoring Officer with other Monitoring Officers across the districts of Merseyside with a view to considering a commonality approach for the future of the Standards be approved.
- (c) further Reports from the monitoring officer with regard to the future of the Standards be brought back to the Committee.
- (d) the above actions be recommended to the Full Authority.

4. Register of Members Interests

CFO/026/11

Members considered and noted Report CFO/026/11 of the Clerk to the Authority & Monitoring Officer concerning a summary of disclosures by Members.

Date of the next meeting: To be agreed at Annual General Meeting