

**MERSEYSIDE FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY**

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**25<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2010**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Independent Members: Carole Roberts (Chair) and Keith Pickup

Councillors: Ted Grannell, Eddie Clein, Dave Hanratty, Betty Lowe (alternate for Martyn Barber) and Gerry Ellis.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Lesley Rennie

**Apologies for absence were received from:** Councillors Vera Best and Independent Member Linda Phillips

**1. Preliminary Matters:**

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

**2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Members considered the proceedings of the Standards Committee meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2009 and approved them as a correct record.

The Chair of the Committee requested that Minutes and Agenda's of the Standards Committee be amended to reflect that the other Independent Members of the Authority are full voting Members of this Committee.

**3. Annual Return To Standards For England  
(CFO/080/10)**

Members considered Report CFO/080/10 of the Monitoring Officer, concerning the Annual Return submitted to Standards for England.

Members resolved:

- (a) to note the Annual Return to Standards for England.
- (b) to approve the draft revised Terms of Reference for the Standards Committee.
- (c) to approve the incorporation of the draft revised Terms and Conditions in the review of the Committees functions for the Authority's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2010.
- (d) to approve the development of a forward work programme to be submitted to the next meeting of the Standards Committee.
- (e) that a report be brought back to the next meeting of the Committee regarding notable best practice.

**4. Standards For England 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly**  
(CFO/081/10)

Members considered Report CFO/081/10 of the Monitoring Officer concerning the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> October 2010, in Birmingham.

Members resolved:

- (a) to note the date of the Assembly for 2010.
- (b) that an Independent Member attend the Assembly on behalf of the Authority along with the Monitoring Officer.
- (c) that no Elected Member attend the Assembly on this occasion, in order to reduce costs.

**5. Bulletin 47 From Standards For England**  
(CFO/082/10)

Members considered and noted Report CFO/082/10 of the Monitoring Officer, concerning Bulletin 47 From the Standards for England issued February 2010.

**6. Assessments Made Clear**  
(DVD)

Members were presented with the opportunity to watch and consider the DVD "Assessments Made Clear", produced by Standards for England, which outlines best practice.

Date of the next meeting:

To be confirmed at the AGM, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

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