

STRATEGIC ASSETS COMMITTEE
OF THE
MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

28TH APRIL 2011

MINUTES

PRESENT: Councillors Dave Hanratty (Chair), Denise Roberts, Robbie Ayres, Barbara Murray (alternate for Colin Strickland), Andrew Blackburn, Lesley Rennie and Gerry Ellis

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors: Les Byrom and Steve Niblock
Independent Member: Linda Phillips

Apologies for absence were received from:
Councillors Sharon Sullivan, Colin Strickland and Eddie Clein

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 due to the disclosure of exempt information.

- (a) The following declarations of interest were made in relation to items on the agenda:
- Councillors Dave Hanratty and Barbara Murray declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 4 – Fire Fit Hubs, due to being Liverpool City Councillors.
- (b) There were no items of business on the agenda which required the exclusion of the press and public.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th January 2011 were approved as a correct record and signed accordingly by the Chair.

3. PFI Progress Report - January to March
(CFO/044/11)

Members were provided with a presentation by Colin Schofield – PFI Project Manager and considered Report CFO/044/11 of the Assistant Chief Executive & Treasurer concerning an update and review of progress on the North West Fire & Rescue Services Private Finance Initiative (PFI) Project for the period January to March 2011.

Members Resolved that:

- (a) the content of the report and presentation be noted.
- (b) thanks be extended to Colin Schofield and the PFI Project Team for their efforts to date.
- (c) Members who would like to visit the new PFI Stations, contact Colin Schofield to enable appropriate arrangements to be made.

4. Firefit Hub
(CFO/039/11)

Members considered Report CFO/039/11 of the Assistant Chief Executive & Treasurer concerning an update relating to the development of a new Toxteth Fire Station/Leisure Centre as a Community Firefit Hub based upon it focusing on fitness and health around the Firefit brand.

Members Resolved that:

- (a) the progress in developing the Firefit Hub be noted.
- (b) the revised capital plan and revenue plan as set out in the Report be agreed, noting the risk management arrangements in place to control costs.
- (c) the responses to questions and comments raised at the Asset Management Scrutiny Panel held on 14th April 2011 in considering this issue be noted.
- (d) delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive & Chief Fire Officer, to progress with development of the project, in consultation with the Party Leaders, should approval be received to enable timescales to be adhered to.
- (e) options regarding governance arrangements be reported at future meeting.

5. Proposed Modified WTL Appliance Replacement Programme
(CFO/034/11)

Members considered Report CFO/034/11 of the Assistant Chief Executive & Treasurer concerning proposed amendments to the planned appliance replacement programme.

Members Resolved that:

- (a) the extension of the WTL appliances front line life from 10 to 12 years be approved.
- (b) the amendment to the planned WTL appliance replacement programme as a result of this change in asset life expectation, as outlined in Appendix 3 be approved.

6. Presentation – Building Project Update

Phil Webster – Director of Estates, provided Members with a presentation concerning an update on building projects.

The presentation provided an overview of building projects completed over the previous 12 month period, an update on disposal of assets and an overview of work due to commence over the next 12 months.

Members noted the contents of the presentation.

Date of the Next Meeting: To be agreed at the AGM

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