

**STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**OF THE**

**MERSEYSIDE FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY**

**22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2010**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Hanratty (Chair), Jimmy Mahon,  
Lesley Rennie, Gerry Ellis and Jack Colbert

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**ALSO  
PRESENT:** Councillor Ted Grannell  
Independent Member Carole Roberts

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**Apologies for absence were received from:  
Councillors: Vera Best, Denise Roberts, Andrew  
Blackburn, Sharon Sullivan, Ken Roughley, and  
Tony Newman**

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**Apologies also received from: Independent  
Members Linda Phillips**

At the start of the meeting, the Chair agreed to consider Agenda Item 3 – Verbal update and presentation concerning High Rise Fires at the start of the Agenda.

**3. High Rise Fires**  
(Verbal Presentation)

Following a recent incident in Southampton where two firefighters lost their lives, Members were provided with a verbal update and PowerPoint Presentation by Station Manager Steve Pratt, concerning Merseyside Fire & Rescue Services' Action Plan for High Rise buildings, to put their minds at rest with regards to procedures currently in place for dealing with such incidents

Following this, Members were provided with a further presentation by Group Manager Rob Pritchard, providing an overview of the recent High Rise Research Project conducted by MFRS in conjunction with the Merseyside Group of the IFE, which highlighted the main research findings.

Members noted the content of both presentations and thanked the Officers for the re-assurance.

**1. Preliminary Matters**

- (a) Councillor Lesley Rennie declared a Personal Interest in relation to Agenda Item 4 – Disposal Of Obsolete Fire Appliances & Equipment (Humanitarian Aid), due to being a member of the Birkenhead Rotary Club.
- (b) There were no additional items of business to be dealt with as a matter of urgency.
- (c) There were no items of business which required the exclusion of the press and public because of the disclosure of exempt information.

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The proceedings of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2009 were agreed as a true record and signed accordingly by the Chair.

Members discussed the Ministerial Visit which had been planned and expressed their disappointment that the visit had to be cancelled once again.

Members agreed to make further contact with the Ministerial Office following the Elections to try to re-arrange the visit for a later date.

**4. Disposal Of Obsolete Fire Appliances (Humanitarian Aid)  
(CFO/035/10)**

Members considered Report CFO/035/10 of the Chief Executive & Chief Fire Officer, concerning the disposal of obsolete MFRS fire appliances and equipment to developing countries previously supported by UK Fire Services.

**Resolved that Members:**

Subject to complying with all environmental and other appropriate legislation.

- (a) granted the Chief Fire Officer delegated authority for the disposal of obsolete MFRS fire appliances and equipment to developing countries previously supported by UK Fire Services.
- (b) noted and approved the Risks and their subsequent scores contained within Appendix A
- (c) approved that such practice be incorporated into the Transport Asset Management Plan.

**5. Joint Merseytravel/MFRA Performance Publication**  
(CFO/067/10)

Members considered Report CFO/067/10 of the Chief Executive & Chief Fire Officer concerning performance information to be published in a joint publication with Merseytravel and the Police Authority.

Resolved that:

Members approved the proposed text for submission to Merseytravel for publication.

**6. Corporate Risk Register Update**  
(CFO/064/10)

Members considered Report CFO/064/10 of the Deputy Chief Fire Officer, concerning the revised Corporate Risk Register.

Resolved that Members:

- (a) noted the attached Appendix A of the revised Corporate Risk Register.
- (b) noted and approved the risks and their subsequent scores contained within Appendix A.
- (c) requested that additional work be carried out in relation to risk in the future, with regards to automatic fire alarm systems.

**Close.**

**Date of next meeting:** To be confirmed at the AGM