

STRONGER & DIVERSE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE
of the
MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

11TH MARCH 2010

PRESENT: **Councillor Karen Afford (Chair)**
 Betty Lowe MBE, Vera Best and Jimmy Mahon

**Apologies for absence were received from
Independent Members Linda Phillips and
Keith Pickup**

1. Preliminary Matters

- (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 the possibility of the disclosure of exempt or confidential information.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee, held on 10th December 2009 were approved as a correct record and signed accordingly by the Chair.

3. Street Heat - Drawing The Line 2
(CFO/014/10)

Members were provided with a presentation by Paul Ainsworth of the Ariel Trust, providing an overview of the work carried out by MFRS in partnership with the Ariel Trust, to develop the resource "Street Heat – Drawing The Line 2", linking it to the English GCSE Curriculum. The presentation also highlighted the positive outcomes from this project.

Following the presentation, Members considered and noted Report CFO/014/10 of the Chief Executive and Chief Fire Officer, concerning the resource and expressed their appreciation and thanks to all those involved with the project.

4. **Contestable Research Fund - Outcome Of Evaluation of The “Skills For The Street” Workshop**
(CFO/038/10)

Members considered and noted Report CFO/038/10 of the Chief Executive and Chief Fire Officer, concerning the research into the effects of the workshop on adolescent psychological and social functioning.

5 **Local Innovation Awards Scheme - Bright Ideas Award**
(CFO/038/10)

Members considered Report CFO/038/10 of the Chief Executive and Chief Fire Officer, concerning the awarding of a Bright Ideas Award to MFRS, under the Local Innovation Awards Scheme for the Jamie Oliver Healthy Eating Program based at Bootle and Netherton and Kirkdale Fire Stations.

Resolved that Members:

- (a) noted the Report
- (b) requested a further Report to brought back concerning the roll out of the scheme
- (c) expressed their thanks and congratulations to all those involved with the scheme.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 4th May 2010

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