

**MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

**STRATEGIC ASSETS COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2012**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Dave Hanratty (Chair), Ted Grannell, Steve Niblock, Robbie Ayres, Tony Newman, Linda Maloney, Lesley Rennie, Terry Jones and Andrew Blackburn.

**ALSO**

**PRESENT :** Councillors Les Byrom, Jimmy Mahon, Denise Roberts and Sharon Sullivan  
Independent Members Carole Roberts and Linda Phillips.

Apologies for Absence were received from  
Councillors Colin Strickland and Vi Bebb.

**1. Preliminary Matters**

The Authority considered if there were any declarations of interest, matters of urgency or any items of business which may require the exclusion of the press and public due to the disclosure of exempt information.

(a) Councillor Mahon declared a personal interest in Item 7 on the agenda as a member of the Planning Committee for Sefton Council.

(b) no items of business were determined as a matter of urgency.

(c) The following items required the exclusion of the press and public due to the disclosure of exempt information.

- **Item 6: CFO/049/12 – PFI Progress report for the Period November 2011 to February 2012**
- **Item 7: CFO/050/12 – Southport PFI Decant arrangements**
- **Item 8: CFO/052/12 – Birkenhead PFI Decant arrangements**

**2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2011 were submitted as a correct record and signed accordingly by the Chair.

The Deputy Chief Executive advised Members that a report will be submitted to Members in the near future regarding Item 4 of the Minutes relating to Gateway Review Health Check.

**3. Contract Standing Orders**  
(CFO/029/12)

Members considered report CFO/029/12 and associated Equality Impact Assessment of the Clerk to the Authority concerning the Contract Standing Orders which regulate the way in which contracts are let by the Authority.

Members resolved that:

(a) the suggested changes to the Contract Standing Orders be approved.

**4. Pay Policy 2012/13**  
(CFO/036/12)

Members considered report CFO/036/12 of the Deputy Chief Executive concerning the Authority's Pay Policy Statement for 2012/13.

Members resolved that:

(a) the attached Pay Policy for 2012-13 be approved.

**5. Toxteth Firefit Hub Update**  
(CFO/048/12)

Members considered report CFO/048/12 of the Deputy Chief Executive concerning the progress of the Firefit Hub project.

Members were provided with a presentation from Sara Lawton Project Manager for Firefit Hub and Omar Saad Youth Representative from the Project to inform Members of the progress on the project.

Members resolved that:

(a) the report be noted.

(b) Members grant delegated power to the Deputy Chief Executive to create a separate company based upon consultation with the Clerk to the Authority.

(c) Members endorse the building changes set in place to maximise the effective use of the facility.

(d) their thanks be conveyed to all involved in the project.

Members then considered exempt items 6, 7 and 8

**Part 2 – Exempt Items:** The following items were considered under part 2 of the Agenda with the exclusion of the press and public due to the exemptions stated. The reports remain exempt however the minute in relation to each item are not exempt.

**6. PFI Project - Progress Report for the Period November 2011 to February 2012. EXEMPT**

**This report contains EXEMPT information by virtue of paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972**

(CFO/049/12)

Members considered report CFO/049/12 of the Deputy Chief Executive concerning a review of progress on the North West Fire and Rescue Services Private Finance Initiative (PFI) Project.

Members were provided with a short presentation from Andy Groom – Merseyside Fire and Rescue Lead Officer.

Members resolved that:

- (a) the progress on the North West Fire & Rescue Services PFI Project be noted.

**7. Southport PFI Decant Arrangements - EXEMPT**

**This report contains EXEMPT information by virtue of paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972**

(CFO/050/12)

Members considered report CFO/050/12 of the Deputy Chief Executive concerning operations at Southport Fire Station during construction of the new Community Fire Station.

Members resolved that:

- (a) the proposals for the decant arrangement and appliance disposition during the building works at Southport Fire Station be noted.

**8. Birkenhead PFI Decant Arrangements- EXEMPT**

**This report contains EXEMPT information by virtue of paragraph(s) 3 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972**

(CFO/052/12)

Members considered report CFO/052/12 and 3 associated Equality Impact Assessments of the Chief Fire Officer concerning Birkenhead PFI Decant arrangements.

Members resolved that:

- (a) Option 3 (1 Fire Appliance to remain at Exmouth Street and 1 to move to Bromborough) as detailed within the report be approved.
- (b) Councillor Niblock requested that his dissent be noted in relation to Option 3.

Close

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