

**MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**  
**CONSULTATION AND NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE**

**26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2013**

**MINUTES**

**Present:**

Councillors Jimmy Mahon (Chair), Les Byrom, and Darren Dodd.

**Also Present:** Representatives of the Fire Brigades Union (FBU)

**Apologies:**

Linda Maloney; Pat Moloney, and Lesley Rennie and Andrew Blackburn as opposition alternates; and representatives of Unison, Unite and the Fire Officer's Association.

**Announcements Prior to the Agenda**

The Committee requested that the Clerk to Authority send a card on their behalf to Ken and Helen Peek expressing their wishes for a speedy recovery.

**1. Preliminary Matters**

The Authority considered the identification of any:

- a) declarations of interest by individual Members in relation to any item of business on the agenda;
- b) additional items of business which the Chair has determined should be considered as matters of urgency;
- c) items of business which may require the exclusion of the press and public during consideration thereof because of the possibility of the disclosure of exempt information.

**Resolved that:**

- a) There were no declarations of interest by any individual Member in relation to any items on the agenda;
- b) There were no additional items of business which the Chair determined should be considered as matters of urgency;

- c) There were no items of business which required the exclusion of the press and public during consideration thereof because of the possibility of the disclosure of exempt information.

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Consultation and Negotiation Committee held on the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed accordingly by the Chair of the committee.

3. **Industrial Relations Update**

(CFO/037/13)

Members considered report CFO/037/13 of the Chief Fire Officer concerning the on-going dialogue between Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority and Representative Bodies. Matters of negotiation, consultation, and the progress of industrial relations issues since the last meeting were considered in detail.

Resolved that

- a) The contents of the report be noted; and
- b) The progress being made to maintain effective and constructive industrial relations with representative bodies be noted; and
- c) The high workload, patience and diligence of the Union Representatives and Joint Secretaries in the face of savings challenges be noted.