

MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

MEETING OF THE

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2ND APRIL 2013

MINUTES

Present:

Councillors Les Byrom (Chair), Robbie Ayres, Andrew Blackburn, Darren Dodd, Dave Hanratty, Steve Niblock, and Ted Grannell

Also Present:

Apologies Received from:

Councillor Denise Roberts (member of this Committee) and Councillors Lesley Rennie and John Kelly (Not members of this committee).

1. Preliminary Matters

The Authority considered the identification of declarations of interest, urgent matters of business and any items of business that would require the exclusion of the press ad public.

a) The following declarations of interest were made by individual Members in relation to items on the Agenda:

- Councillors Steve Niblock and Darren Dodd declared a Personal Interest in relation to the following item, due to being Wirral Councillors;
EXEMPT Agenda Item 8 –Private Finance Initiative Project – Progress Report For The Period December 2012 To February 2013

b) There were no additional items of business which the Chair determined should be considered as a matter of urgency;

c) The following items of business on the Agenda required the exclusion of the press and public due to the disclosure of exempt information:

- ***Agenda Item 7 – FM&IHR Project Update***

- ***Agenda Item 8 - Private Finance Initiative Project – Progress Report For The Period December 2012 To February 2013***

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting on 15th January 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed accordingly by the Chair.

3. Website Usage And Development

(CFO/046/13)

Members considered Report CFO/046/13 of the Chief Fire Officer concerning the number of visitors to the Merseyside Fire & Rescue Website and future developments to the website.

Members Resolved that:

The content of the report be noted.

4. Renewal Of Membership Of Local Enterprise Partnership

(CFO/036/13)

Members considered Report CFO/036/13 of the Deputy Chief Executive concerning membership of the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) (formerly the Mersey Partnership).

Members Resolved that:

(a) Continuation of the Authority's membership of the LEP be approved;

(b) Representatives from the LEP be invited to attend and present at a future meeting of the Committee, to enable the Authority to assure itself of what it achieves through Membership of the LEP, including how the LEP contributes to the Authority's corporate objectives and adherence to continued value for money.

5. Breathing Apparatus Policy

(CFO/044/13)

Members considered Report CFO/044/13 of the Chief Fire Officer concerning a Breathing Apparatus Policy.

Resolved that:

- a) The Breathing Apparatus Policy be approved; and
- b) The consultation with Representative Bodies in respect of the proposed Service Instruction be approved.

6. Contract For The Provision Of Stationary
(CFO/043/13)

Members considered Report CFO/043/13 of the Clerk to the Authority concerning proposals for new stationary arrangements for Lancashire and Merseyside Fire & Rescue Authorities.

Resolved that:

- (a) The utilisation of the Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation framework agreement for the provision of stationary, be approved;
- (b) The change in the logistical arrangements for delivery of stationary be noted.

PART 2 – EXEMPT ITEMS

7. Financial Management And integrated HR Project Update
(CFO/040/13)

This report contained EXEMPT information by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972

Members considered Report CFO/040/13 of the Deputy Chief Executive concerning progress to deliver a replacement contract for the Authority's Financial Management Information System (FMIS) and the intention to integrate HR and Payroll within the suite of applications procured as part of that process.

Resolved that:

- (a) The content of the report be noted;
- (b) The awarding of a contract to the successful bidder for the Finance and Integrated HR/ Payroll applications as part of a managed service

arrangement, by the Deputy Chief Executive in accordance with the power delegated to him at the Budget Authority Meeting on 26th February 2013, be noted; and

- (c) The successful bidder for Finance and Integrated HR/ Payroll application as part of a managed service arrangement, following a rigorous evaluation and selection process, be noted.

8. Private Finance Initiative Project – Progress Report For The Period December 2012 – February 2013
(CFO/035/13)

This report contained EXEMPT information by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972

Members considered Report CFO/035/13 of the Deputy Chief Executive concerning a review of progress on the North West Fire & Rescue Services Private Finance Initiative (PFI) Project in the period from December 2012 to February 2013.

Resolved that

- (a) Progress on the North West Fire & Rescue Services PFI Project be noted; and
- (b) The thanks and appreciation of the Authority to all individuals who have been involved in the project, be recorded.

Close.

Date of the next meeting: T.B.C following AGM