



To: All Members of the Policy and Resources Committee



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Dear All,

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** to be held at **1.00pm** on **THURSDAY 19TH MARCH 2026** in the Liverpool Suite at Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Bridle Road, Bootle.

This meeting is webcast live to YouTube and is available at the following link:

<https://youtube.com/live/DokZYsoFoTU?feature=share>

Yours faithfully,

*PP – M Griffiths*

Monitoring Officer

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**MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

**POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**19 MARCH 2026**

**AGENDA**

**Members**

Councillor James Roberts (Chair)  
Councillor Jeanie Bell  
Councillor Les Byrom  
Councillor Dave Hanratty  
Councillor Grahame McManus  
Councillor Lynn O'Keeffe  
Councillor Heather Westhead  
Councillor Andrew Makinson  
Councillor Lesley Rennie

**1. Apologies**

To consider apologies for absence

**2. Declarations of Interest**

To consider declarations of interest for any of the items on the agenda.

**3. Urgent Business Approved by the Chair**

As part of the New Dimensions 2 programme for National Resilience, Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service were asked by MHCLG as Lead Authority for National Resilience to explore the acquisition of assets to assist in the response to wildfires as part of a 12-month pilot. Officers were advised that the assets would need to be procured in anticipation of the wildfire period which provisional commences in May each year.

Part of the assets to be procured were 6 unimog vehicles on a lease basis for a period of 12 months. Officers identified the Service could deliver this via a lease contract in time for the upcoming wildfire period.

Officers were provided with a quote for the 6 leased vehicles at £309,890.16 for 12 months with Lloyd Limited.

As the value of the contract was in excess of £300,000 Members approval would be needed. Therefore, Officers were planning to bring a report to Members at the next available committee meeting to seek approval to award the lease contract to Lloyd Limited as a direct award under a legally compliant framework.

However, Officers were advised on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 that to meet the required deadline to obtain the vehicles in time for the wildfire period, the lease contract would need to be signed by close of play on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

Due to the urgency of the matter, the award of the lease contract to Lloyd Limited for £309,890.16 was treated as urgent business under Standing Order 17 of the Authority's Constitution. As the time scales did not allow for the decision to be brought before a Committee, the Chief Fire Officer and the Chair of the Authority agreed to exercise their powers to discharge the decision-making function of the Authority in accordance with their powers under Standing Order 17.2 to approve the award of the lease contract to Lloyd Limited on behalf of the Authority.

The Chair asked for this matter to be brought to Members attention at the next meeting of a Committee.

4. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** (Pages 5 - 8)  
To consider the minutes of the last meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026.
5. **Financial Review 2025/26 Quarter 3 October - December** (Pages 9 - 40)  
To consider the Financial Review 2025/26 Quarter 3 October – December report (DFP/17/2526).
6. **Service Delivery Plan 2025-26 Quarter 3 October - December Update** (Pages 41 - 242)  
To consider the Service Delivery Plan 2025-26 Quarter 3 October – December Update (CFO/45/2526).
7. **Service Delivery Plan 2026/27** (Pages 243 - 288)  
To consider the Service Delivery Plan 2026/27 report (CFO/44/2526).
8. **New Dimensions 2 - HVP Hose** (Pages 289 - 292)  
To consider the New Dimensions 2 – HVP Hose report (CFO/48/2526).
9. **Award of the Scientific Support Services Contract** (Pages 293 - 296)  
To consider the Award of the Scientific Support Services Contract report (CFO/46/2526).

#### **EXEMPT ITEMS**

10. **ND2 Procurement: Award of Contract for CBRN DIM Equipment** (Pages 297 - 300)  
To consider the ND2 Procurement: Award of Contract for CBRN DIM Equipment report (CFO/47/2526).

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