

MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY
COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE

12 APRIL 2022

MINUTES

Present: Cllr Brian Kenny (Chair) Councillors Lynn Hinnigan, Kathy Hodson, Paul Tweed, Janet Grace, Linda Maloney, Lynne Thompson and Patrick Hurley

Also Present: Phil Garrigan (CFO), Ria Groves (Monitoring Officer) Ian Cummins (Director of Finance and Procurement)

Apologies of absence were received from: Cllr Edna Finneran

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Members considered the identification of declarations of interest, any urgent additional items, and any business that may require the exclusion of the press and public.

RESOLVED that:

- a) the following declarations of interest were made by individual Members in relation to any item of business on the Agenda
 - Cllr Grace for Agenda Item 6 noted she has previously attended the Heritage Centre but in no official or decision-making capacity
- b) no additional items of business to be considered as matters of urgency were determined by the Chair; and
- c) no items of business 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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 1st February 2022 were agreed as an accurate record.

3. CORPORATE RISK REGISTER 2021-22 OCTOBER - MARCH UPDATE

Phil Garrigan, Chief Fire Officer, presented the Corporate Risk Register update for October to March.

Members queried the impact of insufficient water pressure to fight fires and were advised that the fire service needed water to deal with most incidents and it

needed to be relatively sustainable and while water companies have been seeking to reduce leaks this has also impacted in the water pressure being reduced. Depending on the area officers have been able to contact United Utilities to turn up the pressure however the issue is not just a concern for Merseyside Fire and Rescue but for all Fire and Rescue Services.

Cllr Grace also remarked that in respect of the public sector equality duty she had attended a recent network group meeting and it was noted how Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service has been forward thinking particularly for women when planning its new buildings. The Chief Fire Officer also commented that the Service is already responding to the HMI report and the observations therein, for example, the Service has seconded in a member of staff from the NHS and Asian Fire Service Association with experience in culture and inclusion with the aim of accessing those partnership groups and bringing in best practices in order to keep the Service moving forward in its equality agenda.

RESOLVED that the updated Corporate Risk Register for 2021/22 which incorporates the current status of identified service risks to March 2022 be approved.

4. TRAUMA TRAINING CONTRACT

Members considered an extension to the current trauma training contract as presented by the Chief Fire Officer who also detailed the type of training this provided to operational staff.

Members were advised that the estimated spend within the proposed one-year extension to the contract would result in the overall cumulative contract cost over the entire term of the contract exceeding the delegated powers for officers to determine, as such, approval to extend the contract was being sought from Members

Resolved that the utilisation of the one-year extension to the current contract with Frontier Risks Group Ltd be approved and that the expenditure during the proposed extension and value of the contract would exceed £250,000.

5. IMPLEMENTATION OF LEADERSHIP MESSAGE - REVISED PROVIDER

Chief Fire Officer, Phil Garrigan, presented the request to Members to ratify the decision of the Service to appoint a new external supplier to deliver the approved Leadership training for all employees, following the withdrawal of the previous preferred supplier.

Members were informed that the proposed new supplier is offering a new benefit of delivering free sessions to the Princes Trust attendees to support the youth engagement work delivered by the Service.

RESOLVED that:

- a) the Smart Training Company as the preferred supplier to deliver the engagement Training for the introduction of the Authority agreed Leadership message for all employees be appointed; and
- b) a further £30,000 be drawn down from the training reserve to cover the cost difference between the original agreement reached in September 2021 and the cost of the new supplier.

6. HERITAGE CENTRE REVIEW

Ria Groves, Monitoring Officer, updated Members on the operation of the Merseyside Fire and Rescue Heritage and Education Trust ('The Heritage Centre') and brought forward suggested ways to manage the Centre moving forward.

Members queried the longevity of volunteers able to help at the Heritage Centre and were advised that the current proposal, subject to the approval of the Authority and Heritage Centre, would provide a governance and internal infrastructure to protect the long-term sustainability of the Heritage Centre which includes the access of all Authority volunteers, uniform and equipment.

RESOLVED that:

- a) the current position of the Heritage Centre and implications for the Authority be noted;
- b) the proposal for the Authority to offer to take over the day to day running of the Heritage Centre be approved; and
- c) subject to the Heritage Centre's agreement, the incorporation of the Heritage Centre within the Authority be approved.

Close

Date of next meeting Thursday 1st September 2022

Signed: _____

Date: _____