

MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

27 OCTOBER 2022

MINUTES

Present: Cllr Les Byrom (Chair)
Cllr Tracey Dickinson
Cllr Edna Finneran
Cllr Harry Gorman
Cllr Dave Hanratty
Cllr Lynn Hinnigan
Cllr Brian Kenny
Cllr Andrew Mankinson
Cllr Hugh Malone
Cllr Linda Maloney
Cllr Lesley Rennie
Cllr James Roberts
Cllr Lynne Thompson
Cllr Paul Tweed
Cllr Gillian Wood

Also Present: Anthony Boyle, Phil Garrigan, Ian Cummins, Ria Groves

Apologies of absence were received from: Cllr Sharon Connor, Cllr Jan Grace, Cllr Anna Rothery

1. Preliminary Matters

Members considered the identification of any declarations of interest, matters of urgency and any items of business that would require the exclusion of the press and public.

RESOLVED that:

- a) no declarations of interest were made by individual Members in relation to any item of business on the Agenda
- b) no additional items of business were determined by the Chair to be considered as matters of urgency; 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 - Authority meeting

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the previous meeting of the Annual General Authority Meeting, held on 9th June 2022, were approved as a correct record and signed accordingly by the Chair.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting - Urgency Committee

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the previous Urgency Committee meeting held on 31st May 2022 were approved as a correct record.

It was also agreed the minutes would be clearly identifiable as those from the Urgency Committee

4. The Case for adopting the Socio-Economic Duty and Proposed Next Steps

Chief Fire Officer Phil Garrigan presented the case for adopting the socio-economic disadvantage and proposed next steps.

The inequalities that exist across the City Region and the importance of the adoption of the socio-economic duty was highlighted to Members by the Chief Fire Officer and what this means for our communities.

Cllr Roberts expressed that he was happy to see that MFRS were taking action into our own hands and believed the Authority were already at the vanguard of this work.

Cllr Hanratty then highlighted that deprivation in England is currently an issue and expressed how interesting the report was and whether further help can be sought from other organisations.

The Chief Fire Officer stated that the impact the Authority is having is significant. In regards to first steps the request is that all Local Authorities (anchor institutions) adopt the socio economic duty and start factoring this in and assured Members that if we start to implement socio-economic duty, people on the cusp will be picked up.

The Chief Fire Officer also confirmed that the Trade Unions are supportive and recognise the challenges that our communities face from the heightened levels of deprivation witnessed in Merseyside.

Cllr Byrom expressed the importance of wanting to be the best fire service in the world however this doesn't necessarily mean looking good but rather helping the community as best we can. He also stated that the Authority needs to guide and influence other agency's where we can.

RESOLVED that Members;

- a) noted the report and recommendations presented to Liverpool City Region, Metro Mayor, Leaders and Mayor by the Chief Fire Officer Phil Garrigan on the 18th August regarding the adoption of the Socio-economic Duty and;
- b) approved the adoption of the duty by Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority and support the proposed next steps detailed within the report

5. Award of Contract for the Design and Supply of ELS vehicles

The Monitoring Officer, Ria Groves presented the report and updated Members that the contract was awarded under Standing Order 17.2 of the Constitution.

RESOLVED that Members;

- a) noted the award of the contract to Wilker UK Limited, for the design and supply of a fleet of 6 vans for the purpose of Enhanced Logistics Support, which was approved by the Chair, Vice Chair and Party Group Leaders under Standing Order 17.2 of constitution following consultation with the Chief Fire Officer;
- b) noted that if necessary, the contract can be amended to include additional vehicle or an increase in the specification, and
- c) noted all the associated costs with the contract will be funded by the Home Office

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Date of next meeting Thursday, 18 May 2023

Signed: _____

Date: _____