

SOUTH YORKSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**29 JULY 2013**

PRESENT: Councillor J Andrews (Chair)
Councillor A Atkin (Vice-Chair)
Councillors: A Bosmans, A Buckley, S Phillips, S M Richards
and D Woodhouse

S Pick, M Oades, L Noble and M McCoolle (South Yorkshire
Joint Secretariat)

M Shaw, S Chu and B Sandy (South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue
Service)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Cave,
T Fox, I Hussain, C Ross and J Satur

1 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were noted as above.

2 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

3 **URGENT ITEMS**

None.

4 **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

RESOLVED – That agenda items:-

- i) Item 17 'Update on the Marketing of Royston Fire Station'
- ii) Item 18 'Potential Collaboration with Humberside Fire and Rescue Service'

be considered in the absence of the public and press.

5 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS IN RELATION TO
ANY ITEM OF BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA**

Councillor Andrews declared a personal interest in relation to agenda item 17
entitled 'Update on the Marketing of Royston Fire Station' and took no part in the
discussion or voting thereon.

6 REPORTS BY MEMBERS

As part of the Member induction process, Councillors Richards and Phillips had recently attended a tour of the Lifewise Centre and Training Centre, which they had found useful and informative.

7 RECEIPT OF PETITIONS

None.

8 TO RECEIVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

9 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 24 JUNE 2013

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the annual meeting of the Authority held on 24 June 2013 be agreed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

10 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 24 JUNE 2013

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Authority held on 24 June 2013 be agreed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

11 IRMP CONSULTATION PROCESS

A report of the Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive was submitted which detailed the Integrated Risk Management Plan consultation work undertaken so far in 2013.

S Chu referred to an additional third option for validation of the consultation process, which was being carried out by Internal Audit. The outcome of this Audit would be taken to the Authority meeting on 2 September 2013; Councillor Bosmans commented that he felt this would be the preferred option rather than incur additional expenditure.

In respect of Recommendation B, the options outlined within paragraph 15 of the report would be given further consideration at the 2 September 2013 Authority meeting.

RESOLVED – That Members:-

- i) Scrutinised the IRMP consultation work that took place earlier in 2013 and provided the Authority with assurance about the process which had been followed.
- ii) Considered proposals for a second phase of consultation later this year.
- iii) Considered learning points for future consultations.

12 SYFR PROGRESS REPORT ON EQUALITY AND INCLUSION 2013

A report of the Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive was submitted to inform Members of progress on the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Equality and Inclusion for 2013.

S Chu referred to the two consultations undertaken in Rotherham, regarding the Roma Slovak community; Councillor Richards requested something similar be undertaken within the Page Hall and Tinsley areas of Sheffield.

RESOLVED – That Members approved the report prior to publication.

13 BUDGET MONITORING APRIL TO MAY 2013

A report of the Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive and Clerk and Treasurer was submitted regarding budget monitoring during the period April to May 2013.

Although it was early in the year for financial projections, the report highlighted an overall underspend of £110,000 could be realised.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

14 HILLSBOROUGH INQUEST

A report of the Clerk and Treasurer was submitted regarding the involvement of the Authority in the Hillsborough Inquest, which was due to commence by 31 March 2014.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

15 COMPLAINTS AND COMPLIMENTS ANNUAL REPORT

A report of the Chief Fire Officer/Chief Executive was submitted which provided a review of all complaints and compliments received during the period April 2012 to March 2013 inclusive.

Councillor Richards expressed her gratitude to the firefighters involved in tackling the recent fire at a plastics factory in Sheffield, particularly given the hot weather.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

16 KEY ISSUES FROM SCRUTINY BOARD HELD ON 13 JUNE 2013

A report was submitted which highlighted key issues from the Scrutiny Board held on 13 June 2013.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

17 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED – That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and the public interest not to disclose information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

18 UPDATE ON THE MARKETING OF ROYSTON FIRE STATION

A report of the Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive and Clerk and Treasurer was submitted, which provided an update on the marketing of Royston Fire Station.

RESOLVED – That Members agreed to proceed with the sale of the former Royston Fire Station on the conditions set out in the report.

19 POTENTIAL COLLABORATION WITH HUMBERSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

A report of the Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive was submitted regarding the progress in respect of the potential collaboration with Humberside Fire and Rescue Service.

RESOLVED – That Members agreed:-

- i) There would be a role for the Scrutiny Board and/or the Collaboration and Shared Services Task and Finish Group to provide positive assurance to the Authority.
- ii) Full reports to be brought to the Authority.
- iii) The meeting of representatives from Humberside Fire and Rescue Service and South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service to be arranged at an appropriate time.

CHAIR