

**EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF SOUTH YORKSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE
AUTHORITY**

2 SEPTEMBER 2013

PRESENT: Councillor J Andrews (Chair)
Councillor A Atkin (Vice-Chair)
Councillors: A Bosmans, A Buckley, A Cave, T Fox, I Hussain,
S Phillips, C Ross, S M Richards, J Satur and D Woodhouse

S Pick, M McCarthy, L Noble, M McCoole, M Wilkinson and
J Oates (South Yorkshire Joint Secretariat)

J Courtney, M Shaw, S Chu, B Sandy, J Roberts, T Carlin and
N Smith (South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service)

1 APOLOGIES

None.

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

3 URGENT ITEMS

None.

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

RESOLVED – That all agenda items be considered in the presence of the public and press.

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

None.

6 REPORTS BY MEMBERS

Councillor Atkin expressed his thanks to Station Manager Lorraine Smith for accommodating a visit to Control, and also to the Station Manager and staff at Dearne Community Fire Station where he had also spent a shift. Councillor Atkin recommended other Members to attend in the future.

7 RECEIPT OF PETITIONS

None.

8 TO RECEIVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

9 STRATEGIC PLAN, OPERATIONAL PLAN (IRMP) AND RISK MODEL

A report of the Deputy Chief Fire Officer and Chief Operating Officer was submitted, together with a presentation, covering the draft Strategic Plan, Operational Plan (Integrated Risk Management Plan) and Risk Model.

In relation to the further 6 week consultation, Councillor Hussain offered his assistance in reaching BEM groups within Sheffield.

Councillor Ross suggested an addition be made to the second key issue, to inform and educate the public more about the work of the Service which would aid future consultation.

The Chair gave thanks for the presentation received.

RESOLVED – That Members:-

- a) Noted the key proposals outlined in paragraph 17 of the report, which had been developed after listening to feedback from staff and the public:-
- To remove the Service's Response time target, but to publish its performance in attending dwelling fires within 6 minutes, to provide a clear measure of the extent to which Government cuts are affecting the Service.
 - To implement a risk-based approach to community safety and fire prevention work, targeted at geographical areas and individual households at highest risk of fire.
 - To make no further reductions to the number of fire stations or rescue pumps during the lifetime of these plans (up to 2017).
 - To phase out the Combined Aerial Rescue Pumps at the earliest opportunity, to be replaced by 4 rescue pumps, and 2 new dedicated Aerial Appliances, one crewed on a wholetime 24x7 basis, and the other on a retained basis.
 - To minimise impact on the public, and ensure no further fire station closures before 2017, the second fire appliances at the four two-pump stations, Rotherham, Doncaster, Barnsley and the new Parkway station, will be crewed on a retained basis overnight, but will continue to be crewed on a whole-time basis during the day.
 - To crew the new Birley station (which replaces the ageing Mosborough Station) on a retained basis, due to the lack of a collective agreement in respect of the Authority's previous decision to implement Close Proximity Crewing (a 24x7 staffing model).
 - Acknowledgement that riding five on a rescue pump would be the stated intent; however, four would be the accepted absolute minimum.

- b) Agreed to re-open public consultation for an additional six week period to 14th October 2013.
- c) Agreed to make a final decision at the November 2013 meeting of the Fire and Rescue Authority.
- d) Requested copies of Mosaic ward maps which identified high, medium, low and very low levels of risk in South Yorkshire, together with today's PowerPoint slides and the 'Super Output Area' information.

CHAIR