

SOUTH YORKSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

28 OCTOBER 2013

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

S Pick, M Oades, M Jaworski, M McCarthy, L Noble and
M McCoole (South Yorkshire Joint Secretariat)

J Courtney, B Sandy, S Green, M Topham, N Smith and
J Torn (South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors
A Bosmans, A Cave and S M Richards

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:-

Item 14 'Establishment of a Trading Company' (Exemption Paragraph 3)

Item 15 'Replacement Rescue Pump Appliances' (Exemption Paragraph 3)

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**

None.

6 **REPORTS BY MEMBERS**

Members noted that Councillor Richards had recently spent a morning at Elm Lane Fire Station, where a demonstration of fire fighting equipment was given to children

with learning and physical disabilities, in partnership with hospitals and trusts; Councillor Richards hoped such visits would continue.

Councillor Atkin referred to the Rotherham Children and Young People's Services for Rotherham Council who had nominated a multi-agency team as their team of the month for September 2013, and which SY Fire and Rescue won. Councillor Atkin congratulated everyone involved.

7 RECEIPT OF PETITIONS

None.

8 TO RECEIVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

9 MINUTES OF THE AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2013

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting of the Authority held on 30 September 2013 be agreed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

10 LOCALISM ACT - COMMUNITY RIGHT TO CHALLENGE

A report of the Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive and Clerk and Treasurer was submitted following Members' request at the 24 September 2012 Authority meeting to review the Policy and Procedure within 12 months, and for any changes to be reported to the Authority.

RESOLVED – That Members:-

- i) Noted the contents of the report.
- ii) Noted the unchanged Policy and Procedure at Appendix A to the report.
- iii) Agreed that the Policy and Procedure would be reviewed within 12 months.

11 LGA FIRE COMMISSION - APPOINTMENT OF A BALANCING MEMBER

A report of the Clerk and Treasurer was submitted which requested Members to nominate an additional balancing Member onto the LGA Fire Commission, to support the Chair and Vice-Chair.

RESOLVED – That Members nominated Councillor Richards as balancing Member to sit on the LGA Fire Commission.

12 FIRE AND RESCUE NATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR ENGLAND: IMPLICATIONS FOR SOUTH YORKSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY - UPDATE

A report of the Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive/Clerk and Treasurer was submitted, which updated Members on the Service's progress against the gaps

identified in the report submitted to the Authority on 29 October 2012, which set out priorities and objectives within the new National Framework, and the current status against each of them within South Yorkshire. The new Fire and Rescue National Framework for England was published in July 2012.

Councillor Hussain expressed concern at how SYFR overcame the communication/translation barrier, in order to provide advice to the communities within his ward; he offered his assistance where necessary.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

13 MEMBER LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT - SUB REGIONAL COLLABORATION

A report of the Clerk and Treasurer was submitted which provided an update on increased collaboration in relation to Member learning and development across the four South Yorkshire District Councils and three Joint Authorities.

RESOLVED – That Members:-

- i) Noted the report.
- ii) Supported the continued collaboration on Member learning and development across the three Joint Authorities and four District Councils, the PCC Audit Committee and Police and Crime Panel where appropriate.

14 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.

15 ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRADING COMPANY

A report of the Chief Fire Officer/Chief Executive and Clerk and Treasurer was submitted which set out the legal implications, advice received and the Business Case for the establishment of the said Trading Company.

RESOLVED – That Members:-

- i) Agreed to the formation of the Trading Company to be known as South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority Safety Solutions UK Ltd (“Safety Solutions UK”).
- ii) Approved a draw down facility of up to a maximum of £100,000 at a commercial rate, to be repaid over a three year period as Working Capital.
- iii) Noted the cash flow forecast which supported a viable Business Plan.

- iv) Noted the exit strategies proposed for both staff and the Company.
- v) Noted that Councillor Fox voted against the establishment of a SYFR Trading Company.

16 REPLACEMENT RESCUE PUMP APPLIANCES

A report of the Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive was submitted regarding the replacement rescue pump appliances at South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue.

RESOLVED – That Members:-

- i) Approved a capital estimate for the sum of £468,140.15 for the purchase of two replacement rescue pumps.
- ii) Approved the purchase of two appliances and accepted the Supplier Response in favour of W H Bench Coachworks for the contracted sum of £468,140.

CHAIR