

SOUTH YORKSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

28 APRIL 2014

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, J Satur and D Woodhouse

M Jaworski, M McCarthy, L Noble, R Bywater and M McCoole
(South Yorkshire Joint Secretariat)

J Courtney, M Shaw, S Chu, J Roberts and S Howe (South
Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service)

A Frosdick, J Bell and F Foster (BMBC)

An apology for absence was received from
Councillor S M Richards

1 **APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was noted as above.

2 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Woodhouse referred to her recent meeting with the Fire Brigades' Union to discuss the 'Seven Different Kinds of Smoke' proposals. She said the FBU had indicated they were willing to work with the Service to agree a way forward.

3 **URGENT ITEMS**

None.

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

RESOLVED – That the following agenda items be considered in the absence of the public and press:-

Item 16 'Stronger Safer Communities Reserve (SSCR)'

Item 17 'Succession Planning – Deputy Chief Fire Officer'

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

Councillor Ross declared an interest at agenda Item 11 'Local Government Association Subscription Fee 2014/15', due to being involved in Local Government Association work.

6 REPORTS BY MEMBERS

Councillor Bosmans had represented the Authority at the recent opening of the new Collaborative Control Project in Bradford. He said he had been made to feel very welcome and the facility was excellent.

7 RECEIPT OF PETITIONS

None.

8 TO RECEIVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

9 MINUTES OF THE AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 31 MARCH 2014

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting of the Authority held on 31 March 2014 be agreed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

10 REPLACEMENT AND UPGRADE OF OUR CURRENT BREATHING APPARATUS (BA) PROVISION AND BA TELEMETRY UPGRADE

A report of the Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive was submitted which informed Members of the replacement and upgrade of South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue's current breathing apparatus (BA) provision and BA telemetry upgrade.

RESOLVED – That Members:-

- i) Noted the contents of the report.
- ii) Approved the proposal for South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue's BA set and BA Telemetry upgrade.

11 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SUBSCRIPTION FEE 2014/15

A report of the Clerk and Treasurer was submitted for Members to consider the continued membership of the Local Government Association (LGA) for 2014/15.

RESOLVED – That Members:-

- i) Agreed the Authority's membership of the Local Government Association for 2014/15.
- ii) Noted that a 2.5% loyalty discount was being offered by the Local Government Association for Members who were not on notice, alongside the existing 2.5% prompt payment discount to Authorities who paid the annual subscription in full by 30 June 2014.

- iii) Agreed to take up the offer of the discounted subscription for 2014/15, of £10,388 plus VAT.

12 IMPLICATIONS OF ADOPTING 'SEVEN DIFFERENT KINDS OF SMOKE' PROPOSALS

A report of the Chief Fire Officer was submitted which set out the operational and financial implications of the 'Seven Different Kinds of Smoke' proposal, from the Fire Brigades' Union.

Councillor Andrews gave thanks to Pat Renshaw and the Fire Brigades' Union for the production of the document, and recommended the Service's Senior Management and FBU discuss and agree a final document to be provided to Members at the Authority meeting in June.

RESOLVED – That Members noted the contents of the report.

13 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 provided an update of the Service's progress against the gaps identified in the report.

The Fire and Rescue National Framework for England was published in July 2012. A reassessment of the gaps had been undertaken during March 2014, which concluded that all gaps had now been addressed. Members agreed that an annual update report identifying any emerging gaps, and compliance with the National Framework would be submitted to the Scrutiny Board who would, where appropriate, refer matters to the Authority.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

14 ANNUAL REPORT ON REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000 (RIPA)

An annual report of the Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive was submitted which provided an update on the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) activity over the past year.

The statutory guidance which related to the RIPA required the Authority to receive an update at least annually of the use of surveillance and use of Covert Human Intelligence Sources (CHIS).

RESOLVED – That Members noted the contents of the report.

15 MINUTES OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD ON 31 MARCH 2014

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Audit Committee held on 31 March 2014 was noted.

16 STRONGER SAFER COMMUNITIES RESERVE (SSCR)

A report of the Clerk to the Authority was submitted, which set out the application and evaluation process to date in regard to funding applications to the Authority's Stronger Safer Communities Reserve, and sought Authority approval to fund those projects approved by the SSCR Assessment Board.

RESOLVED – That Members:-

- i) Approved the list of recommended projects for funding.
- ii) Agreed the release of funds to projects as set out in the appendix to the report, subject to completion of the necessary governance assurances and Funding Agreements.
- iii) Approved the proposed monitoring and governance arrangements.

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 item 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 SUCCESSION PLANNING - DEPUTY CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

A report of the Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive and Clerk and Treasurer was submitted regarding the succession planning of the Deputy Chief Fire Officer.

RESOLVED – That Members agreed:-

- i) To extend the contract of employment of the Deputy Chief Fire Officer for a further twelve month period, 1 May 2014 – 30 April 2015.
- ii) That the recruitment process for a new Deputy Chief Fire Officer commence towards the end of the current calendar year (2014).

CHAIR