

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM  
FIRE AUTHORITY**

**MINUTES**

of the meeting of the Authority held on **12 JULY 2002** at County Hall,  
West Bridgford from 10.35 am to 11.40 pm.

**Membership**

	Councillor Jackson	(Chairman)
^	Councillor Scott	(Vice-Chairman)
^	Councillor Bennett	
	Councillor Bosnjak	
	Councillor Cottee	
^	Councillor Davison	
	Councillor Freeman	
	Councillor Griggs	
	Councillor Grocock	
	Councillor Hemsall	
	Councillor Markin	
	Councillor O'Toole	
^	Councillor Pepper	
^	Councillor Pulk	
	Councillor Smith	
	Councillor Spencer	
	Councillor Tsimbirdis	
	Councillor Wood	

Members absent are marked ^

**18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Scott, Davison, Pepper and Pulk and Councillor Bennett (on other County Council business).

## **19 MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 24 May 2002, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

## **20 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

The Chief Fire Officer declared an interest in item 15.

## **21 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman read out a statement stating that he fully supported the FBU in seeking an increase in pay, but that any increase must be funded by Central Government as the requested increase could not be met by this Authority.

Pradeep Verma, FBU spokesperson, read out a statement and listed the following points in support of the pay increase: -

- Current pay formula, agreed in 1977, is now obsolete due to an increased number of tasks undertaken by fire fighters such as water rescue, community initiatives, ice rescue and chemical incidents;
- A need for parity for Control Room staff and retained fire fighters;
- Changes in the role of Control Room staff since 1977 agreement.

The Chairman thanked the fire fighters in the public gallery for their professionalism during the meeting.

## **22 HMI INSPECTION**

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire officer, copies of which had been circulated.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

## **23 SUPPLEMENT TO THE BRIGADE BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN**

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer and the Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP), copies of which had been circulated.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the BVPP be discussed, with regard to ethnic minority recruitment, at the next meeting of the Ad-Hoc members group on equalities and a report submitted to the next meeting of this Authority;

(2) that the publication and circulation of the BVPP be approved.

**24 ANNUAL REPORT 2001/02**

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated.

RESOLVED that consideration of the Annual Report 2001/02 be referred to the next meeting of the Improvement and Development Board, to be held on 22 July 2002. .

**25 RETAINED SUSTAINABILITY - PROGRESS REPORT**

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

**26 GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTAL CHANGES**

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

**27 GOLDEN JUBILEE MEDALS**

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

**28 AD-HOC MEMBERS GROUP ON EQUALITIES**

RESOLVED that the report by the Chief Fire Officer and the attached minutes, detailing the ongoing work within the Brigade with regard to fairness and equality, copies of which had been circulated, be noted.

**29 NATIONAL EXTRICATION CHALLENGE**

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated.

RESOLVED

(1) that the teams' attendance at the National Extrication Challenge in Newcastle on 8/9/10 August 2002 be approved;

- (2) that two elected members from the majority group and one from the minority groups attend.

### **30 FIRE 2002 CONFERENCE**

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated.

RESOLVED that the attendance by two members of the majority group and one member from the minority groups at the Annual Fire Conference and Exhibition, to be held in London from 3 to 5 September 2002, be approved.

### **31 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC**

RESOLVED that, pursuant to Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the remaining items as they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of part 1 of schedule 12A to the Act.

### **32 PROMOTION OF DCFO WEBB TO CFO, LEICESTERSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

Consideration was given to a joint report of the Chairman of the Fire Authority and the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated.

RESOLVED

- (1) that members select a panel to interview for the position of DCFO for Nottinghamshire;
- (2) that an independant review of Principal Officers' salaries, taking into account the impact of the pay negotiations, be undertaken at local level;
- (3) that the report be noted.

### **33 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Due to this committee being inquorate, it was agreed that decisions relating to items on the agenda, for discussion at the meeting, would be delegated to the Chief Fire Officer, in consultation with the Chairman of the committee.