

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM
FIRE AUTHORITY**

MINUTES

of the meeting of the Authority held on **18 OCTOBER 2002** at County Hall,
West Bridgford, from 10.32 am to 12.32 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 Tsimbiridis	
	Councillor Wood	

Members absent are marked ^

51 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cottee, Freeman and Griggs and from Councillors Bennett, Bosnjak and Davison (on County Council business).

52 MINUTES

RESOLVED that, subject to including Councillor Pulk as present on 4 October, the minutes of the meetings held on 6 September and 4 October 2002, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

53 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

No declarations of interests were made.

54 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman stated that, further to minute 37 dated 6 September 2002, he had written to HM Chief Inspector with regard to the report on the findings of the recent Brigade Inspection and would forward a copy of the letter to all members of the Authority.

55 RACE EQUALITY SCHEME

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

RESOLVED

- (1) that publication of the Race Equality Scheme be approved;**
- (2) that the report be noted.**

56 CORPORATE RISK PROFILE

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

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

57 SERVICE PLANS

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

RESOLVED

- (1) that publication of the Annual Best Value Performance Plan and a combined Service Plan and Annual Report on the Brigade's Internet Website be approved;**
- (2) that intranet access, with built-in security, be provided for those members requiring it.**

58 BRIGADE INTRANET

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, and a presentation illustrating key features, was made.

RESOLVED that the report and presentation be noted.

59 SPECIAL INJURY AWARDS

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

RESOLVED

- (1) that the determination of Special Injury Award applications be made by the Personnel Committee, with immediate effect, pending receipt of further Home Office advice;**
- (2) that recipients of a Special Injury Award be not reviewed under Rule K1 of the Fireman's Pension Regulations;**
- (3) that reviews of Special Injury Awards, in respect of degree of disablement, be undertaken annually under rule K2 of the Fireman's Pension Scheme for the first five years that the award was payable, noting that this may involve referral to the Brigades Occupational Health Physician.**

60 EXTENSION OF SICK PAY - CHANGES TO PROCEDURE

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

RESOLVED

- (1) that the changes to Section IV, Paragraph 1, of the NJC Scheme of Conditions of Service, (Grey Book), be noted and decisions regarding a reduction or extension to sick pay entitlement be made by the Chief Fire Officer;**
- (2) that this procedure be extended to the consideration of sickness payments for both uniformed and non-uniformed personnel.**

61 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

RESOLVED that, pursuant to Section 100(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 paragraphs 1, 11 and 12 of Part 1 of schedule 12A to the Act.

62 NEW DIMENSIONS UPDATE

DCFO Smitherman gave a verbal report on the current position with regard to New Dimensions.

RESOLVED that the position be noted.

63 CONTINGENCY PLANNING

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

RESOLVED

- (1) that the Chairman, in consultation with the Chief Fire Officer, be authorised to deal with any matter associated with the proposed industrial action in respect of which a decision was required before the next meeting of the Authority.**
- (2) that the recommendations contained within the report be approved.**

64 RIDERSHIP

The Chairman of the meeting was of the opinion that this item, although not included on the agenda, should be considered as a matter of urgency in accordance with section 100(B)(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 because of the special circumstances that, it was important to avoid further delay in the introduction of the Authority's Ridership policy.

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

RESOLVED that, with immediate effect, introduction of the Ridership policy, in line with the guidance contained within the report, be approved.