

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM  
FIRE AUTHORITY**

**MINUTES**

of the meeting of the Authority held on **31 JANUARY 2003** at County Hall,  
West Bridgford, from 10.30 am to 11.45 am.

**Membership**

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

Members absent are marked ^

**76 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor O'Toole.

## **77 REVENUE BUDGET 2002/03 AND SUPPLEMENTARY LEVY**

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

It was reported that, due to matters beyond the Authority's control the pension element of the revenue budget would overspend by around £980,000. A number of alternative options had been discussed with both City and County Treasurers and they were in agreement that a supplementary levy is the appropriate response to the overspend.

The levy on the constituent authorities is based on the 2002/03 RSG Tax Base and would result in the following proportions:-

<b>Authority</b>	<b>tax base</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>levy</b>
Nottingham City Council	73,596	23.391	229,232
Nottinghamshire County Council	242,214	76.609	750,768
Total	316,170	100.000	980,000

### **RESOLVED**

- (1) that the issuing of the Supplementary Levy, as outlined in the report, be approved;**
- (2) that the Chairman write to the Local Government Association, the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister and all Nottinghamshire MP's urging a review of pension financing for the Fire Service.**

The following members voted in favour of the resolutions:-

Councillor Jackson	Councillor Hempsall
Councillor Scott	Councillor Markin
Councillor Bennett	Councillor Pepper
Councillor Bosnjak	Councillor Pulk
Councillor Cottee	Councillor Smith
Councillor Davison	Councillor Spencer
Councillor Freeman	Councillor Tsimbiridis
Councillor Griggs	Councillor Wood
Councillor Grocock	

## **78 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (LGA) ANNUAL FIRE CONFERENCE 2003**

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

### **RESOLVED**

- (1) that Councillors Jackson and Pulk and one Conservative Member's attendance at the LGA Annual Fire Conference, at Newcastle Civic Centre on Tuesday 25 and Wednesday 26 March 2003, be approved;**

- (2) that the cost of £560 per delegate be met from the budget for Members' Conference Expenses.

**79 INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF THE FIRE SERVICE - (THE BAIN REPORT)**

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

Following a presentation by DCFO Smitherman on the recommendations contained within the Bain Review of the Fire Service, the Chairman stated that any decisions taken, following a repeal of Section 19 of the Fire Services Act 1947, would only be made after consultation with all parties concerned and after discussion in an open meeting of the Authority.

**RESOLVED that the contents of the report, and the presentation, be noted.**

**80 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS FOR COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY, AD-HOC EQUALITIES GROUP AND IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

Consideration was given to a schedule of dates, copies of which had been circulated.

**RESOLVED that the schedule of dates for future meetings of the Fire Authority, Ad-hoc Equalities Group and Improvement and Development Board, be noted.**

**81 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 item as it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 12 of part 1 of schedule 12A to the Act.**

**82 IMPROVING COMMUNITY SAFETY - BRIGADE STRUCTURE AND ORGANISATION**

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

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the proposed re-alignment of Fire Prevention priorities be undertaken and resources re-deployed to meet Community Safety workloads within the Community Safety Strategy;
- (2) that the establishment of the Principal Officer structure, as detailed in the report, be approved with immediate effect, including the deletion of one DCFO post and one SDO post and the establishment of 2 ACFO posts (at 75% of CFO);
- (3) that the Chief Fire Officer be authorised to re-deploy resources to Community Safety.