

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM
FIRE AUTHORITY**

MINUTES

of the Annual Meeting of the Authority held on **30 MAY 2003** at County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham from 10.30 am to 11.42 am

Membership

- ^ Councillor Bennett
- ^ Councillor Bosnjak
- Councillor Cottee
- Councillor Davison
- Councillor Freeman
- Councillor Griggs
- Councillor Grocock
- Councillor Hempsall
- Councillor Jackson
- Councillor Markin
- Councillor O'Toole
- Councillor Palmer
- Councillor Pepper
- Councillor Pulk
- ^ Councillor Smith
- Councillor Spencer
- Councillor Tsimbiridis
- Councillor Wood

Members absent are marked ^

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED that Councillor Jackson be appointed Chairman of the Authority for the municipal year 2003/04.

2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED that Councillor Palmer be appointed Vice-Chairman for the municipal year 2003/04.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bosnjak and Smith.

4 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 25 April 2003, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

6 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reminded members that, in accordance with the code of conduct, FRS8 forms must be completed and returned to Niel Timms as soon as possible. He also took the opportunity to introduce and welcome Martin Emberson, Assistant Chief Fire Officer, who had joined the Authority from Cleveland.

7 MEMBERSHIP OF THE AUTHORITY, APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES ETC AND DATES OF MEETINGS

Consideration was given to a report of the Clerk, copies of which had been circulated.

RESOLVED

(1) that the appointment of the following County Council and City Council representatives to the Fire Authority be noted:-

Nottinghamshire County Council

**Councillor Jackson
Councillor Bennett
Councillor Bosnjak
Councillor Cottee
Councillor Davison
Councillor Freeman
Councillor Hemsall
Councillor O'Toole
Councillor Pepper
Councillor Pulk
Councillor Smith
Councillor Tsimbirdis**

Nottingham City Council

**Councillor Palmer (Lead Member)
Councillor Griggs
Councillor Grocock
Councillor Markin
Councillor Spencer
Councillor Wood**

(2) that appointments to committees etc be made as follows:-

Personnel Committee

**Councillor Bennett
Councillor Bosnjak
Councillor Jackson
Councillor Palmer
Councillor Pepper
Councillor Pulk**

Standards Committee

**Councillor Griggs
Councillor Spencer
plus one member of the Liberal Democrat Group to be notified to the Clerk
Mr Richard Best (Independent Member)**

Improvement and Development Board

**Councillor Bennett
Councillor Cottee
Councillor Freeman
Councillor Hempshall
Councillor Jackson
Councillor Palmer**

Ad hoc Members Group on Equalities

**Councillor Bosnjak
Councillor Jackson
Councillor O'Toole
Councillor Tsimbiridis**

(3) that dates of meetings be approved as set out below together with the administrative arrangements for those meetings as set out in the report:-

Combined Fire Authority (10.30 am)

2003

1 August
12 September
24 October
19 December

2004

13 February
26 March
30 April
28 May

Improvement & Development Board (10.00 am)

2003

5 June
24 July
18 September
30 October
11 December

2004

12 February
25 March

Ad Hoc Members Group on Equalities (10.00 am)

2003

15 July
16 September
28 October
9 December

2004

3 February
16 March
20 April

Personnel Committee

Meetings as required at the rising of Combined Fire Authority meetings.

Standards Committee

Meetings as required

8 IMPLICATIONS OF PRECEPTING FROM 2004/05

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, regarding changes to the financial arrangements and status of Combined Fire Authorities proposed from the 2004/05 financial year.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

9 ELECTRONIC GOVERNMENT - IMPLEMENTATION

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, outlining the contents of the Combined Fire Authority's Electronic Government Statement and the Fire Service's current position regarding progress towards the national target for Electronic Government under the Best Value Corporate Health performance indicator.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

10 BRITISH NATIONAL EXTRICATION CHALLENGE AND CONFERENCE - 7, 8, AND 9 AUGUST 2003

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, setting out details of the forthcoming British National Extrication Challenge and Conference.

RESOLVED

- (1) that two members from the majority group and a member from the minority group be authorised to attend the conference to be held at Forester House, Chilwell Barracks on 7, 8 and 9 August 2003;**
- (2) that the Extrication Challenge and Conference be supported and members endeavour to attend the competition to be held at Chilwell Barracks, Beeston.**

11 FIRE SERVICE WHITE PAPER

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, regarding the LGA submission to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister consultation exercise on the proposed Fire Service White Paper.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

12 CHIEF AND CHAIRS MEETING - UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, regarding the outcome of the regional Chiefs and Chairs meeting held on Thursday 8 May 2003.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

13 FUTURE OF THE FIRE SERVICE COLLEGE

Consideration was given to a report of the Chairman, together with the draft report of the Fire Service College Task Group regarding the future of the Fire Service College, copies of which had been circulated.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

14 PROPERTY STRATEGY GROUP

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, regarding the ongoing property review and forthcoming planned programme of works determined by the Property Strategy Group.

RESOLVED that the action for developing the capital programme as set out in the report be approved

15 BEST VALUE AND LOCAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, detailing progress in respect of the Service's annual performance indicators.

RESOLVED that the Chief Fire Officer submit a report to the Performance Board, the Improvement and Development Board and then this Authority setting out an action plan in respect of the performance indicators where targets had not been achieved.

16 INDUSTRIAL DISPUTE AND IMPACT ON SERVICE DELIVERY

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, giving an update on the current pay dispute and its impact on service delivery.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr Steve Ainley, Vice-Chair of the Fire Brigades Union, addressed the authority on concerns relating to the introduction of training for Home Risk Assessments and for use of Aerial Ladder Platforms.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the report be noted;**
- (2) that the requirement to manage those aspects of non-cooperation within the report that had legal and financial implications for the Authority, be supported;**
- (3) that Management Team's continued attempts to address issues highlighted in the report, be supported.**

17 INSURANCES 2003/04 AND TERRORISM COVER

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

RESOLVED that approval be given to:-

- (1) the maintenance of the limit of indemnity at £50 million;**
- (2) the purchase of terrorism insurance as set out in the report;**
- (3) the use of contingency funds in order to finance the additional costs incurred as a result of resolutions (1) and (2) above.**

18 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 paragraphs 1 of part 1 of schedule 12A to the Act.

19 NEW DIMENSIONS - MASS DECONTAMINATION AND THE FIRE SERVICE

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

RESOLVED that the proposal for the deployment of Mass Decontamination Equipment as set out in the recommendation in the report be supported.