



**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM
FIRE AUTHORITY**

MINUTES

of the meeting of the Authority held on **30 APRIL 2004** at the Council House,
Nottingham from 10.30 am to 12.10pm

Membership

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

Members absent are marked ^

125 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Freeman (on County Council business) and from Councillors Cottee and Davison.

126 MINUTES

RESOLVED that subject to the inclusion of 'on City Council Business' in respect of the apology of Councillor Grocock, the minutes of the last meeting held on 26 March 2004, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

127 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

No declarations of interests were made.

128 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced:-

- that an additional item was to be included on the agenda as an urgent item;
- that following an inaccurate article in the Chad newspaper concerning the East Midlands Regional Management Board, the Chairman of the authority and the Chief Fire Officer were to respond with a letter stating the facts and actual position;
- that Councillor Palmer was, regrettably, to resign from the Fire Authority. The Chairman asked that Councillor Palmer be thanked for her hard work and contribution during her time on the Fire Authority;
- that Councillor Pulk had attended a Local Government Association conference on behalf of the Chairman, the main topics of which were the 'Grey Book' and the next phase of the pay award.

129 IMPLICATIONS OF CAPPING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chair 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 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, in view of the special circumstances that any appeal would have to be submitted before the next meeting of the Authority.

Consideration was given to a joint report of the Chief Fire Officer and Treasurer which outlined how the Government's decision to cap this Authority's precept on Council Tax directly impacted on the budget set by the Fire Authority.

RESOLVED

- (1) that an appeal be lodged against the Government's decision to cap the Authority's precept;**
- (2) that a Committee comprising of six members (4:1:1) be formed to consider the nature of any appeal and making representations to Ministers;**

Councillor Spencer requested that his abstention from voting be noted.

130 BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN 2003-2004

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, informing members of the strategy for publication of the 2003-04 Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP).

RESOLVED

- (1) that the draft format of the 2003-04 BVPP be approved;**
- (2) that the BVPP continue to be presented electronically via the Internet, with a hard copy option available on request;**
- (3) that the Chief Fire Officer, in consultation with the Chairman, be authorised to approve the outstanding page relating to the financial details of the BVPP;**
- (4) that publication of the Summary Information Poster be approved.**

131 EXTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE PLAN 2002-04

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, and presentation by Mr Jones of PriceWaterhouseCoopers, updating members on the External Audit Service Plan.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the report be noted;**
- (2) Mr Jones be thanked for his interesting and informative presentation.**

132 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2004/2005

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, detailing the proposed treasury management strategy for 2004/05.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the strategy be approved;**
- (2) that an investment limit of no more than 10% of investment being beyond 365 days be approved;**
- (3) the Lending List, set out in appendix B to the report, be approved.**

133 COMMUNITY FIRE STATIONS

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, highlighting the successful development of Community Fire Stations at Handsworth and South Shields.

RESOLVED that a visit by members and trades union representatives on 4 June 2004 to Handsworth Community Fire Station, be approved.

134 ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL PRINCE'S TRUST TEAM LEADER POST

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

RESOLVED

- (1) that an additional post of Prince's Trust Team Leader be established on Scale 4;**
- (2) that the cost be met from the Community Fire Safety budget and revenues received from the Learning Skills Council and New Deal Funding.**

135 APPOINTMENT OF HOME RISK ASSESSMENT CO-ORDINATOR

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

RESOLVED

- (1) that a post of Home Risk Assessment Co-ordinator be established on Scale 5/6;**
- (2) that the cost be met from the existing Community Safety budget.**

136 ESTABLISHMENT OF DRIVER TRAINING MANAGER

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

RESOLVED

- (1) that a post of Driver Training Manager be established on Scale SO1;**
- (2) that the cost be met from a reduction in the uniformed establishment of 1 Sub Officer Post.**

137 STRUCTURAL CHANGES TO SAFETY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, informing members of structural changes made to improve the efficiency of the Safety Services Department.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

138 VEHICLE MOUNTED DATA SYSTEM

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, accompanied by a presentation informing members of the progress in delivery of the Vehicle Mounted Data System (VMDS).

RESOLVED that the report and presentation be noted.