



**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM  
FIRE AUTHORITY**

**MINUTES**

of the meeting of the Authority held on **23 JULY 2004** at  
The Council House, Old Market Square, Nottingham from 10.30 am to 11.55 am.

**Membership**

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

Members absent are marked ^

**18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Bennett (on other County Council Business) and Councillors Cottee, Freeman, Smith, Stephenson, Tsimbirdis and Wood.

## **19 MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 11 June 2004, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

## **20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

## **21 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman reported the tragic loss of Firefighters Adam Meere and Bill Faust, of the London Fire Brigade, who recently died attending an incident in Bethnal Green. Retained Fire Officer Andrew Everitt, based at Retford Fire Station also recently died as a result of a motorcycle accident. All in attendance stood in silence as a mark of respect to the memory of Firefighters Meere, Faust and Everitt.

The Chairman also reported the achievements of the Nottinghamshire Brigade in the World Extrication Championships. The team came fourth overall, and were World Champions in the Limited Extrication category, for which only hand held-tools could be used. The team consisted of Stewart Key, Craig Dooley, Frazer Cross, Bryn Coleman, Dave Evans, and Bryn Jones.

Carlton Fire Station and the established competition team were both to compete in the National Competition which was to take place in Reading on 30 and 31 July 2004.

The Chairman would forward a letter of congratulations on behalf of the Authority to both teams.

## **22 FINAL ACCOUNTS 2003/2004**

Consideration was given to a report of the Treasurer, copies of which had been circulated. It was reported that the recommendation in paragraph 11.2 should refer to paragraph 7.1, and not 6.1.

### **RESOLVED**

- (1) that the statement of accounts for 2003/04, be approved;**
- (2) that £20,000 be carried forward from the 2003/04 Revenue Account into 2004/05 and added to the General Reserve;**
- (3) that no further appeal against the capping decision taken by Central Government be made.**

## **23 LOCAL (INTEGRATED) RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN - PROGRESS ON IMPLEMENTATION 2004/05, PROPOSALS FOR 2005/06**

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

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the outline proposals for the 2005/06 Local (Integrated) Risk Management Plan be approved;**
- (2) that the proposed Consultation and Communication Strategy for the 2005/06 Local (Integrated) Risk Management Plan be approved;**
- (3) that the proposed time scales for the production of the 2005/06 Local (Integrated) Risk Management Plan be approved;**
- (4) that a key stakeholders' seminar be held on 14 October 2004.**

**24 HER MAJESTY'S FIRE SERVICE INSPECTORATE - NEW ROLE**

Consideration was given to a report of the Treasurer, copies of which had been circulated, providing details of a new Memorandum of Understanding which set out the standing arrangements to be followed by the Fire & Rescue Service Improvement Team, Her Majesty's Fire Service Inspectorate and the Audit Commission.

**RESOLVED that the report be noted.**

**25 CONVERSION OF POSTS**

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, proposing to phase the conversion of up to 24 uniformed posts to undertake preventative activities, as specified in the Local Risk Management Plan.

**RESOLVED that the uniformed establishment be reduced by up to 24 posts.**

**26 TRADE UNION RECOGNITION**

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, seeking recognition of the Fire Officers Association (FOA) and Retained Firefighters Union (RFU). It was reported that recommendation 8.2 should have included the FOA.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the report be noted and the RFU and FOA be recognised as bodies to be included in future negotiations arrangements within the Service;**
- (2) that officers work with representatives of the RFU and FOA to establish a mutually acceptable agreement for consideration, if one was required.**

**27 FIRE SERVICE CIRCULAR 8/2004 – NATIONAL MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT AND INCIDENT RESPONSE UNIT TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, proposing an agreement, developed by the Local Government Association (LGA) and the Chief Fire Officers Association (CFOA) which fulfilled the requirements of the Fire and Rescue Services Bill, and informing the Authority of the responsibilities of the Government and the Fire Authorities for Incident Response Vehicles.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the Authority enter into the National Mutual Aid Agreement;**
- (2) that the contents of Fire Service Circular 8/2004 be noted.**

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

**RESOLVED that the report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, updating members on the work carried out by the Service with regard to fairness and equality, be noted.**

**29 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 11 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.**

**30 NATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE**

**RESOLVED that the report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, be noted.**