



**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM
FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

MINUTES

of the meeting of the Authority held on **14 January 2005** at The Council House, Old Market Square, Nottingham from 10.30am to 11.37am.

Membership

- 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 Tsimbiridis
- Councillor Wood

Members absent are marked ^

77 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bosnjak, Cottee, Davison and Tsimbiridis (on County Council business)

78 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 10 December 2004, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

79 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

80 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements.

81 BUDGET MONITORING STATEMENT – PERIOD ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2004

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, analysing the financial performance of the Service.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

82 RESERVES AND BALANCES

Consideration was given to the joint report of the Chief Fire Officer and Treasurer, copies of which had been circulated, reviewing the risk assessment of December 2003 and adjusted figures.

RESOLVED that the level of balances be approved and considered as part of the 2005/06 budget process.

83 CONSULTATION ON 2005/06 REVENUE BUDGET, PRECEPT AND COUNCIL TAX

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

RESOLVED

- (1) that the report be approved;**
- (2) that a condensed version be produced for use in public consultation on the 2005/06 revenue budget, Council Tax and precept levels.**

84 PRUDENTIAL CODE MONITORING REPORT

Consideration was given to the report of the Treasurer, copies of which had been circulated, informing members of the performance of the Fire Authority with regard to prudential indicators for capital accounting and treasury management.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

85 CONSULTATION ON THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES TO THE FIREFIGHTERS PENSION SCHEME

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, that proposed a response to the Governments proposed changes.

RESOLVED that the proposed response to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister's proposals be approved.

86 DRAFT YEAR 2 (2005/06) LOCAL (INTEGRATED) RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN CONSULTATION CLOSE OUT

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, regarding the outcome of consultation on the Local (Integrated) Risk Management Plan.

RESOLVED that the report be noted and referred for further discussion by the ad-hoc panel to be appointed under the next agenda item.

87 APPOINTMENT OF AD-HOC PANEL

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, proposing the appointment of an ad-hoc panel.

RESOLVED

- (1) that an Ad-hoc Panel be appointed to scrutinise the Comprehensive Performance Assessment(CPA) self-assessment and approve the final drafts of the Integrated (Local) Risk Management Plan and budget proposals;**
- (2) that membership comprise of 4 members from the majority group and one from each of the two opposition groups;**
- (3) that the first meeting of the panel be held at the rising of the Improvement and Development Board which would be held at 10am on 1 February 2005 in Committee Room C at County Hall.**

88 MEMBERS' HANDBOOK

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, following scrutiny of the draft by the Standards Committee on 16 December 2004.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the updated and revised Members' Handbook be formally adopted;**
- (2) that Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Frank Swann, and Clerk to the Authority, Tony Austin, be thanked for their work on the handbook.**

89 COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT – RESULTS OF PEER CHALLENGE

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, detailing the assessment results for the Service and suggesting areas for improvement.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the report be noted;**

- (2) that members continue to support the Authority's initiatives associated with the Comprehensive Performance Assessment process.**

90 IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Fire Officer and minutes of the meeting held on 22 December 2004, copies of which had been circulated.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

91 AD-HOC MEMBERS GROUP ON EQUALITIES

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Fire Officer and minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2004, copies of which had been circulated.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

92 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL FIRE CONFERENCE 2005

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, giving details of the Annual Fire Conference to be held at Portsmouth on 15 and 16 March 2005.

RESOLVED

- (1) that 2 members of the majority group and one from each of the two opposition groups be authorised to attend the conference;**
- (2) that the cost of approximately £500 per delegate be met from the budget for Members' conference expenses.**