



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

MINUTES

of the meeting of the Authority held on **25 FEBRUARY 2005** at County Hall,
West Bridgford, Nottingham from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm.

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 ^

93 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Hemsall (on County Council business) and Councillors Bosnjak, Freeman, O'Toole and Stephenson.

94 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 14 January 2005, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

95 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

96 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported that Tony Austin, Clerk to the Authority, had announced his retirement. On behalf of the Authority, the Chairman thanked Mr Austin for his work and wished him a long and happy retirement.

The Chairman also announced that the Corporate Performance Assessment (CPA) had begun and that Councillor Nick Hills of Bedfordshire County Council was in attendance at this meeting as part of that process.

97 THE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE NATIONAL FRAMEWORK 2005/06

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, which identified the priorities and objectives of Fire and Rescue Authorities and what was expected of the Authorities and of the Government.

RESOLVED that the implications of the revised Framework on the Authority be noted and included in the proposed 2005/2008 Corporate Strategy.

98 MEETING OF AD-HOC PANEL

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer and minutes of the Ad-hoc Panel meeting held on 1 February 2005, copies of which had been circulated.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the amended Self Assessment document be approved;**
- (2) that authority to make any further amendments to the document be delegated to the Chief Fire Officer, in consultation with the Chairman.**

99 RE-FRAMING THE AUTHORITY'S CORE PRINCIPLES

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer and draft 'Framework for Future Service Delivery 2005-2010' document, copies of which had been circulated.

RESOLVED that the revised core principles be approved and included in the Authority's business plan for 2005/2006 onwards.

100 CORPORATE AND INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN 2005-2008

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

RESOLVED that the Corporate and Integrated Risk Management Plan 2005-2008 be approved, subject to consultation with the Plain English Society.

**101 CAPITAL BUDGET 2005/06 TO 2007/08
REVENUE BUDGET 2005/06 TO 2007/2008
SETTING OF THE 2005/06 PRECEPT**

Consideration was given to the report of the Chairman, copies of which had been circulated,

RESOLVED

- (1) that the Capital Programme for the years 2005/06 to 2006/07 be approved;**
- (2) that the Revenue Budget for 2005/06 of £40,285,281 be approved;**
- (3) that the precept figure of £18,585,941 be approved;**
- (4) that the precept for 2004/05 be collected from City and District Councils in accordance with their agreed tax bases, with payments in equal instalments on the following dates:-**

<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
22 April	4 January
27 May	9 February
1 July	15 March
5 August	
16 September	
14 October	
22 November	

- (5) that the Council Tax to be raised by the Authority be £58.01 at band D which required Council Tax at all bands to be :**

Band A	38.67
Band B	45.12
Band C	51.56
Band D	58.01
Band E	70.90
Band F	83.79
Band G	96.68
Band H	116.02

- (6) that the indicative revenue budgets for 2006/07 and 2007/08 of £41.772m and £43.678m respectively be approved.**

102 PRUDENTIAL CODE FOR CAPITAL ACCOUNTING

Consideration was given to a joint report of the Chief Fire Officer and Treasurer, copies of which had been circulated, which identified the Authority's obligations under the Chartered Institute of Public Finance Prudential Code.

RESOLVED that the prudential limits for 2005/06, as detailed in the report, be approved.

103 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer outlining guidance from the Chartered Institute of Public Finance (CIPFA) and Society of Local Authority Chief Executives and Senior Managers (SOLACE) and proposing a draft code, copies of which had been circulated.

RESOLVED that the draft code of corporate governance be adopted and reviewed annually.

104 PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF COMMERCIAL TRAINING

RESOLVED that consideration of this matter be deferred to a future meeting.

105 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENTS (EIA)

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

RESOLVED

- (1) that the section 'Equal Opportunity Implications', in all Authority reports, be replaced by 'Initial Equality Impact Assessment';**
- (2) that all relevant reports have Initial Equality Impact Assessment forms attached;**
- (3) that adoption of the full Equality Impact Assessment process be approved.**

106 REGIONAL MANAGEMENT BOARD

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer and minutes of the meeting of the East Midlands Regional Management Board held on 16 December 2004, copies of which had been circulated.

Fire Control Officer Jane Cathcart addressed the Authority on behalf on the Local Control Centre Staff who were concerned at the replacement of Local Control Centres with Regional facilities.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

107 IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer and minutes of the Board meeting held on 1 February 2005, copies of which had been circulated.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the report and minutes be noted;**
- (2) that appreciation of the success of Partnership Working and the Arson Task Force be recorded.**

108 AD-HOC MEMBERS GROUP ON EQUALITIES

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer and minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2005, copies of which had been circulated.

RESOLVED that the report and minutes be noted.