



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

MINUTES

of the meeting of the Authority held on **24 MARCH 2006** at County Hall,
West Bridgford, Nottingham from 11.25 am to 12.28 pm.

Membership

Councillor D Pulk	(Chair)
Councillor B Charlesworth	(Vice-Chair)
Councillor J Cottee	
Councillor Y Davidson	
Councillor S Fielding	
Councillor P Griggs	
Councillor B Grocock	
Councillor J Hemsall	
^ Councillor P Henshaw	
Councillor J Knight	
Councillor P Lally	
Councillor O'Riordan	
Councillor T Pettengell	
Councillor K Rigby	
Councillor M Spencer	
Councillor T Spencer	
Councillor T Stephenson	
Councillor M Wood	

Members absent are marked ^

104 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Henshaw.

105 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 24 February 2006, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

106 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

107 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair reported that following the meeting there would be a briefing on New Dimension and that hazardous substance monitoring equipment and new high volume pumps, which attended the fire at the fuel depot in Buncefield, would be on site for members to inspect.

He also requested that his thanks be recorded to all officers and members involved in establishing the governance structure and the proposed revision of the shift system. He considered that the implementation of these developments, which were being watched with interest by other Fire and Rescue Authorities across the country, heralded a new dawn for the Authority.

108 FUTURE SERVICE DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which were placed around the table.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the current position be noted;**
- (2) that a special meeting of the Authority be held on 28 April 2006 to consider a final report on service delivery arrangements.**

109 COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN 2006-2009

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, which, following extensive consultation with stakeholders, employees and public, included the revised Community Safety Plan.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the Community Safety Plan 2006-09 be approved as the business framework of the Authority for the next 3 years;**
- (2) that a report updating the Community Safety Plan be submitted annually.**

110 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2006/07

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

RESOLVED

- (1) that the Treasury Management Strategy be approved;**
- (2) that the lending list, as set out in Appendix A to the report, be approved.**

111 VALUE FOR MONEY

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

RESOLVED

- (1) that the proposed approach, detailed in the report, relating to the achievement of Value for Money be approved;
- (2) that the programme of projects and studies be referred to the Finance and Resources Committee on 13 April 2006 for agreement.

112 REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

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

RESOLVED

- (1) that the scheme of basic allowances and special responsibility allowances, as recommended by the panel, be approved as follows:-

	<u>Role</u>	<u>(per annum)</u>
Chair		£19,500
Vice Chair		£13,650
Major Committee Chair*		£2,180
Opposition/Minority Groups Spokesperson (for a group of 4 or more)		£2,180
Members Basic Allowance		£3,270

* Major Committees identified as:-

- Human Resources Committee
- Finance & Resources Committee
- Community Safety Committee
- Performance Monitoring Committee

- (2) that a dependants' carers' allowance of £5 per hour for childcare and £10 per hour for other dependants be approved with, in exceptional circumstances, additional costs met following approval of the Standards Committee;
- (3) that all member allowances, including the hourly carers' rate, be increased in accordance with annual Local Government pay awards.

113 NATIONAL FIRELINK RADIO CONTRACT AWARD

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, which informed members that the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister had awarded the National Firelink radio project contract to O2 Airwave.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the report be noted;**
- (2) that members receive further risk, personnel, and financial reports as the project progressed.**