

## report

meeting	<b>NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM FIRE &amp; RESCUE AUTHORITY</b>	
date	<b>23 February 2007</b>	agenda item number

### REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

#### AMENDMENTS TO MEMBERS ALLOWANCES

##### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek the approval of Members to an addition to the special responsibility allowances payable to the Chair and Vice Chair for their involvement in the Local Authority Controlled Company which will be charged with running the Regional Control Centre.

##### 2. BACKGROUND

At its meeting on 13 September 2006 the Fire Authority approved the Articles and Memorandum of Association for the Local Authority Controlled Company (LACC) which is to run the Regional Control Centre. The Authority also approved the appointment of the Chair and the Vice-Chair to the company as Directors.

##### 3. REPORT

- 3.1 Whilst it might be considered normal practice for a company to remunerate its own Directors, the Clerk to the Regional Management has advised that this would create difficulties for those Directors appointed by County Councils. In view of this it has been decided that individual Authorities will determine a local Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) for this purpose.
- 3.2 At its meeting on 13 December 2006, Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Authority agreed a methodology for the calculation of this SRA which it is proposed that Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service should adopt.
- 3.3 The LACC is anticipated to meet on 6 occasions during the year and the LGA currently pay a daily rate for Members of £133.00 per day. This would give an annual increase to SRAs of approximately £800 and it is this figure that is therefore proposed.
- 3.4 Members will no doubt be aware that a Director of a Company personally takes on a range of responsibilities and liabilities, some of which cannot be indemnified and therefore there is additional personal risk involved in these appointments.
- 3.5 The remuneration panel have been consulted on this matter and their view is that this should be considered as part of the general periodic review of Members Allowances rather than as a piecemeal addition.
- 3.6 It is therefore proposed that an annual addition to the Chair and Vice Chairs SRA of £800 be made as an interim arrangement until such time as the remuneration panel make recommendations as to the overall level of allowances and SRAs. This will take effect from 1 April 2007.

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The anticipated cost of these SRAs is £1,600 per annum which will be contained within overall budgets.

**5. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no personnel implications arising from this report.

**6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

An initial assessment has revealed there are no equality issues arising from this report.

**7. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

There are no risk management implications arising from this report.

**8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

That approval is given for the Special Responsibility Allowances paid to the Chair and Vice Chair to be increased by £800 to reflect the additional responsibilities arising from their appointment as Directors of the new Local Authority Controlled Company.

**9. BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR INSPECTION**

Establishment of the Regional Control Centre Company – Report of the Fire & Rescue Authority, 13 September 2006.

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