



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

MINUTES

of the meeting of the Authority held on **7 DECEMBER 2007** at County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham from 10.37 am to 11.32 am.

Membership

	Councillor D Pulk	(Chair)
	Councillor P Griggs	(Vice-Chair)
	Councillor B Cooper	
	Councillor J Cottee	
	Councillor S Fielding	
	Councillor A Foster	
^	Councillor B Grocock	
	Councillor J Hemsall	
	Councillor P Henshaw	(from minute 49)
^	Councillor H James	
	Councillor J Knight	(from minute 49)
^	Councillor P Lally	
	Councillor J O'Riordan	
	Councillor P Owen	
	Councillor T Pettengell	
	Councillor K Rigby	
^	Councillor T Spencer	
	Councillor M Wood	

Members absent are marked ^

46 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Grocock, James, Lally and Spencer.

47 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 7 September 2007, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

48 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

49 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was with great sadness that the Chair reported the recent death of 4 retained Firefighters in Warwickshire who died while attending an incident. Donations could be made to a fund for the Warwickshire Firefighters' families via the website, www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fireandrescue.

All in attendance at the meeting observed a minutes silence as a tribute to their memory.

It was also with sadness that the Chair requested the Chief Fire Officer, on behalf of the Authority, forward a letter of condolence to the former City Councillor and Fire and Rescue Authority member, Tom Stephenson, who had lost his young son to leukaemia.

Following the recent tidal flood alerts, Norfolk County Council had sent a letter of appreciation to Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service for the attendance of officers, including Deputy Chief Fire Officer Beale in the role of an Emergency Flood Response Co-ordinator, to assist on any rescue response required. The Chair requested that the Authority's appreciation for those officers who travelled to Norfolk to assist be recorded.

On 9 November 2007, Councillor Fielding, as Chair of the Community Safety Committee, had opened the new Community Safety Fire and Rescue Centre at Clifton which, in addition to a safety training centre, was available to be used by the local community.

On 19 December 2007 there was to be a 'cutting the turf ceremony' to be held at the Hassocks Lane site of the new Community Safety Fire and Rescue Centre.

The Chair commented that he was pleased that members were participating in Service activities.

The Fire and Rescue Service Community Fund had awarded two youth groups £2,000 each. The Nottingham Youth Organisation and the Nottinghamshire Club for Young People had qualified for funding through their work in the community.

Liverpool, the City of Culture for 2008, was to host the World Firefighter Games. The events were to be a celebration of the Services' athletes and more details were to be provided nearer to the time of the games.

As a continuation of the work undertaken by the Shift Change Implementation Task and Finish Group, including continued dialogue with Workforce Representatives, ridership levels had risen and sickness levels had reduced. In addition, a pilot shift scheme was proposed to start in January 2008 at the West Bridgford and Newark Fire Stations where, on the condition that there were enough people on shift at all times, firefighters were able to self roster within set time frames. This was to allow for flexible working and would enable firefighters to plan their work time.

50 BUDGET CONSULTATION 2008/09

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

RESOLVED unanimously that the guidelines, as set out in the report, be approved and consultation on the proposed 2008/09 revenue budget and a Council Tax increase of between 3% and 4% commence.

51 HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE OUTCOMES

Further to minute 41 dated 7 September 2007, consideration was given to the report of the Chair of the Human Resources Committee, copies of which had been circulated, updating members on the work undertaken by the Human Resources Committee since the last meeting of the Authority.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

52 FINANCE AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OUTCOMES

Further to minute 42 dated 7 September 2007, consideration was given to the report of the Chair of the Finance and Resources Committee, copies of which had been circulated, updating members on the work undertaken by the Finance and Resources Committee since the last meeting of the Authority.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

53 COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE OUTCOMES

Further to minute 43 dated 7 September 2007, consideration was given to the report of the Chair of the Community Safety Committee, copies of which had been circulated, updating members on the work undertaken by the Community Safety Committee since the last meeting of the Authority.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

54 POLICY AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE OUTCOMES

Consideration was given to the report of the Chair of the Policy and Strategy Committee, copies of which had been circulated, updating members on the work undertaken by the Policy and Strategy Committee since the last meeting of the Authority.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

55 PERFORMANCE MONITORING COMMITTEE OUTCOMES

Further to minute 44 dated 7 September 2007, consideration was given to the report of the Chair of the Performance Monitoring Committee, copies of which had been circulated, updating members on the work undertaken by the Performance Monitoring Committee since the last meeting of the Authority.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

56 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL FIRE CONFERENCE 2008

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, informing members of the opportunity for the Authority to send 2

representatives to the Fire Conference 2008, to be held at the Royal Court Hotel Coventry from Tuesday 11 March to Wednesday 12 March 2008.

RESOLVED

- (1) that two members from the majority group and one member from the lead opposition group be authorised to attend the Fire Conference 2008;**
- (2) that the total cost of approximately £600 per delegate attending the conference, including accommodation and subsistence, be met from the members conference budget.**