



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

**MINUTES**

of meeting of the Authority held on **27 JUNE 2008** at Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Bestwood Lodge, Nottingham from 10.40 am to 11.43 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	
^	Councillor H James	
	Councillor J Knight	
^	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 ^

**19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Grocock (City Council business), Councillor James, Councillor Spencer, Councillor Fielding, Councillor O'Riordan, Councillor Lally and Councillor Pettengell (County Council business).

## **20 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that, subject in resolution (2) of minute 7 to the replacement of ‘Councillor K Rigby’ by ‘Councillor J O’Riordan’ in the membership of the Performance Monitoring and Personnel Committees, the minutes of the last meeting held on 23 May 2008, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

## **21 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

No declarations of interests were made.

## **22 CHAIR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair and Chief Fire Officer were cycling between all of the full time fire stations in one day, which was approximately 100 miles, to raise money for The Firefighters Charity on 26 September 2008. Staff and members were welcome to join in for individual legs. Jo Cooper, PA to the Deputy Chief Fire Officer, intended to undertake a sponsored silence for a day for the same charity.

## **23 MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION POLICY 2007/08 AND 2008/09**

Consideration was given to a report of the Treasurer, copies of which had been circulated, informing Members of changes to the regulations governing the amount of revenue provision in respect of capital financing and to present to Members a Minimum Revenue Provision policy for 2008/09 and retrospectively for 2007/08.

**RESOLVED** that the following Minimum Revenue Provision Policy for 2007/08 and 2008/09 be adopted: -

- (1) for all borrowing and credit arrangements to fund capital expenditure incurred during or before 2006/07, the minimum revenue provision applied in 2007/08 be calculated on the basis of the 4% CFR method; this method to continue to be used in future years for capital expenditure incurred on or before 31 March 2007;**
- (2) for all borrowing and credit arrangements to fund capital expenditure incurred in 2007/08, the minimum revenue provision applied in 2008/09 be calculated on the basis of the Asset Life method.**

## **24 FINAL ACCOUNTS 2007/08**

Consideration was given to a report of the Treasurer, copies of which had been circulated, and a copy of the Statement of Accounts 2007/2008 was handed to all members. The Finance Officer apologised for the late despatch of the report.

Members commented that it had not been easy to go through this report at short notice and requested that in future they should receive these well in advance of meetings. They also discussed the possibility of holding next year’s meeting on Monday 29 June or Tuesday 30 June if this meant that more members could attend.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the Statement of Accounts for 2007/08 be approved.**
- (2) that the capital programme slippage of £5.71m as a variation to the 2008/09 capital programme be approved;**
- (3) that the Fire Brigades Union be permitted to submit written questions in respect of the Final Accounts.**

**25 ANNUAL REPORT 2008**

Consideration was given to the presentation of the Chief Fire Officer's Annual Report 2008, incorporating the Community Safety Plan 2008 update, the Best Value Performance Plan and Review 2008/09 and the Financial Summary 2008/09, copies of which had been circulated.

**RESOLVED that the Annual Report 2008, incorporating the Community Safety Plan 2008 update, Best Value Performance Plan and Review 2008/09 and the Financial Summary 2008/09, be approved.**

**26 FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE NATIONAL FRAMEWORK 2008/11**

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, containing the response to the Fire and Rescue Service National Framework 2008/11, the National Framework document and its key contents.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the publication and commencement date of the National Framework and the directions within the document be noted;**
- (2) that the Chief Fire Officer incorporate the requirements of the National Framework within the Fire and Rescue Service business plan update, the integrated risk management planning process and the equalities action plans.**

**27 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY**

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, which detailed the Fire and Rescue Service Equality and Diversity Strategy 2008-18, the outcomes of a national survey of current and ex-firefighters in England, and the proposed revision to the governance arrangements for responding to the equality and diversity agenda with Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the Fire and Rescue Service Equality and Diversity Strategy 2008/18 and the associated firefighters' survey produced by CLG be noted and endorsed;**
- (2) that the Policy and Strategy Committee be tasked with: -**

- (a) reviewing the governance of equalities within Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service in response to the recommendations and findings of the Equality and Diversity Officer;**
  - (b) agreeing revised Performance Indicators to measure the Service's performance in response to the Equality and Diversity Strategy;**
- (3) that the Performance Monitoring Committee be requested to submit an annual report on performance against equalities targets.**

## **28 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED that, pursuant to section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the remaining item as it contained information relating to the financial or business affairs of the Authority and having regard to all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information, as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).**

## **29 LONG TERM ASSET PLANNING UPDATE**

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

**RESOLVED that the report be noted.**