



**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**  
**Fire & Rescue Service**  
*Creating Safer Communities*

Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham  
Fire and Rescue Authority

# **POLICY AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE OUTCOMES**

Report of the Chair of the Policy and Strategy Committee

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**Agenda No:**

**Date:** 20 February 2009

**Purpose of Report:**

To report to Members the business and actions of the Policy and Strategy Committee meeting of 30 January 2009.

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## **1. BACKGROUND**

As part of the revised Governance arrangements the Authority has delegated key responsibilities for policy and strategy to the Policy and Strategy Committee. As part of those delegated responsibilities, the Chair of the Policy and Strategy Committee and the Management lead report to the Authority on its business and actions as agreed at Fire and Rescue Authority meeting on 1 June 2007.

## **2. REPORT**

- 2.1 The minutes of the Policy and Strategy Committee meeting of Friday 30 January 2009 are attached to this report at Appendix B. The following summarises the main points of the papers discussed at the meetings.
- 2.2 The Committee were in receipt of three reports, the first of which sought approval for the attendance of three Members of the Fire and Rescue Authority at an Elected Member workshop. Organised by the Centre for Leadership, the workshop programme will include such areas as:
- National agendas: shaping the role of Fire and Rescue Authorities;
  - Developing people for leading a modern Emergency Service;
  - The role of the Fire and Rescue Authority in the effective use of resources;
  - Participation in an Emergency Response Exercise: a political perspective.

It was resolved that the recommendation be endorsed and the attendance of three Members of the Authority was therefore approved.

- 2.3 The proposed capital and revenue budgets 2009/2010 to 2011/2012 were the focus of the next report presented to the Committee. At its meeting on 09 January 2009, the Finance and Resources Committee had recommended that the proposed budgets be presented to Policy and Strategy Committee with a view to these being further recommended to the full Fire and Rescue Authority for approval. This recommendation was endorsed by Policy and Strategy Committee.
- 2.4 Prior to presentation of the final report, the Committee were asked to consider exclusion of the public for this item. This was endorsed and the Committee noted a report regarding the sale of Dunkirk Fire Station.

## **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

All financial implications were considered as part of the original reports submitted to the Policy and Strategy Committee.

#### **4. HUMAN RESOURCES AND LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS**

All human resources and learning and development implications were considered as part of the original reports submitted to the Policy and Strategy Committee.

#### **5. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

An equality impact assessment has been undertaken and concludes that there are no implications arising from this report. The equality impact assessment is given as Appendix A to this report.

#### **6. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

There are no crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

#### **7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

#### **8. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

The Service's performance in relation to matters addressed through Policy and Strategy Committee is scrutinised through a range of audit processes. The Service needs to continue to perform well in these areas as external scrutiny through Comprehensive Performance Assessment and auditors' judgement is key to future Service delivery.

#### **9. RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Members note the contents of this report and the business undertaken by the Policy and Strategy Committee.

#### **10. BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR INSPECTION (OTHER THAN PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS)**

None.

Councillor Darrell Pulk  
**CHAIR OF POLICY AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE**

### Initial Equality Impact Assessment Questionnaire

This questionnaire will enable you to decide whether or not the new or proposed policy or service needs to go through a full Equality Impact Assessment.

Title of policy or service		<b>Policy and Strategy Committee Outcomes</b>				
Name of Employee completing assessment: <b>CFO Frank Swann</b>			Department and Section: <b>Strategic Management Suite</b>			
1. State the purpose and aims of the policy or service. <b>To report to Members the business and actions of the Policy and Strategy Committee meeting of 30 January 2009.</b>						
2. Who is responsible for implementing it? <b>Chief Fire Officer.</b>						
3. Who is likely to be disproportionately affected by the proposal? People from which of the equality strands? (please tick)						
Age	Disability	Family Status	Gender	Race	Sexual Orientation	Religion or Belief
4. If no boxes are ticked – there is no need to continue the EIA						

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM  
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**POLICY AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

of the meeting of the held on **30 JANUARY 2009** at Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Bestwood Lodge from 10.00 am to 11.00 am.

**Membership**

Councillor D Pulk (Chair)  
Councillor J Cottee  
Councillor S Fielding  
Councillor P Griggs  
Councillor P Lally  
Councillor K Rigby

Members absent are marked ^

**20 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

No declarations of interests were made.

**21 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 14 November 2008, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.**

**22 ELECTED MEMBERS WORKSHOP**

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, seeking approval for the attendance of three members of the Fire and Rescue Authority at an elected member workshop organised by the Centre for Leadership. The programme included:

- National agendas: shaping the role of Fire and Rescue Authorities;
- Developing people for leading a modern emergency service;
- The role of the Fire and Rescue Authority in the effective use of resources;
- Participation in an Emergency Response Exercise: a political perspective.

**RESOLVED** that the attendance of three members of the Authority on the Elected Members Workshop organised by the Centre for Leadership be approved.

### **23 PROPOSED CAPITAL AND REVENUE BUDGETS 2009/2010 TO 2011/2012**

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, together with an addendum report detailing amendments to the budget, primarily required as a result of changes in tax-base and surplus/deficit assumptions as well as a minor change to the Capital Programme.

At its meeting on 9 January 2009, the Finance and Resources Committee recommended that the proposed budgets be submitted to the Policy and Strategy Committee with a view to these being further recommended to the Fire and Rescue Authority for approval. Following a robust debate, members endorsed the budget proposals as amended by the addendum.

#### **RESOLVED**

- (1) that the Policy and Strategy Committee accept the recommendations of the Finance and Resources Committee, as amended by this committee, following receipt of the additional information in the addendum report;**
- (2) that the proposed Capital and Revenue Budgets 2009/10 to 2011/12 budget reports be recommended to the Fire and Rescue Authority for approval.**

### **24 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 individuals and to the financial and business affairs of particular individuals 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 Act.

### **25 SALE OF DUNKIRK FIRE STATION**

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, regarding the sale of Dunkirk Fire Station.

**RESOLVED** that the recommendations as set out in the report be approved.