



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

FINANCE AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of the meeting held on **4 APRIL 2008** at Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Bestwood Lodge, Arnold, Nottingham, from 10.00 am to 11.20 am.

Membership

Councillor P Griggs (Chair)
Councillor B Cooper
Councillor P Lally
^ Councillor T Pettengell
Councillor M Wood

Members absent are marked ^

25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Pettengell.

26 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

27 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 14 December 2007, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

28 REVENUE MONITORING - PERIOD 11, ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2008

Further to minute 24(a) dated 14 December 2007, consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, detailing the financial performance of the service and highlighting areas of concern.

RESOLVED

(1) that the report be noted;

- (2) that progress on the issues of overtime and transport be reported to meetings on an ongoing basis.**

29 CAPITAL MONITORING TO 29 FEBRUARY 2008

Further to minute 24(b) dated 14 December 2007, consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, analysing the significant variances against the original programme.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

30 PRUDENTIAL CODE MONITORING TO 29 FEBRUARY 2008

Further to minute 24(d) dated 14 December 2007, consideration was given to a report of the Treasurer, copies of which had been circulated, detailing performance relating to the prudential indicators for capital accounting and treasury management.

The following amendment to paragraph 2.1 of the report was highlighted:-

- replace '£5,468m' with '£5.468m'.

RESOLVED that the amended report be noted.

31 HIGHFIELDS PROJECT UPDATE

Further to minute 24(b) dated 14 December 2007, consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, highlighting progress on the project to build a new fire station on Hassocks Lane in Beeston.

RESOLVED that the report be noted and a progress report be submitted to the next meeting.

32 ANNUAL AUDIT AND INSPECTION LETTER

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, underlining the findings of the External Auditors' annual audit and inspection management letter.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the report and views of the External Auditors be noted;**
- (2) that the relevant officers be commended for the improved score of 3 out of 4 for 'use of resources'.**

33 INTERNAL AUDIT STRATEGY 2008-10

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, which included the planned internal audit work to be undertaken during 2008/09.

RESOLVED that the Internal Audit Strategy 2008-10 and the Internal Audit Annual Plan 2008/09 be approved.

34 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2008/09

Consideration was given to a report of the Treasurer, copies of which had been circulated, which informed Members of the Authority's Treasury Management Strategy, and included the approved lending list of UK based and overseas institutions.

RESOLVED that the Treasury Management Strategy and lending list be approved.

35 VALUE FOR MONEY

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, which outlined proposals to achieve and demonstrate value for money in 2008/09 and detailed progress against the value for money programme for 2007/08.

RESOLVED that the proposed approach to achieving value for money be approved.

36 ANNUAL EFFICIENCY STATEMENTS TO FEBRUARY 2008

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, which highlighted progress on achieving the cashable efficiency gains included in the 2007/08 Forward Look Annual Efficiency Statement.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

37 CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC FINANCE AND ACCOUNTANCY (CIPFA) CONFERENCE 2008

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, outlining the theme and format of this year's CIPFA Conference, which the Head of Finance and Resources and the Chair of this committee would attend.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.