



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

FINANCE AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of the meeting held on **9 JANUARY 2009** at Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Bestwood Lodge, Arnold, Nottingham, from 1.30 pm to 2.58 pm.

Membership

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

Members absent are marked ^

17 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

An apology was received from Councillor Pettengell (on County Council business).

18 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

19 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on **24 October 2008**, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

20 CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING REPORT TO 30 NOVEMBER 2008

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, on capital programme progress during the current financial year to 30 November 2008. Members were given the opportunity of discussing the significant outturn variances and variations to the original programme with the Head of Finance and Resources.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

21 REVENUE MONITORING REPORT TO 30 NOVEMBER 2008

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, on the financial performance of the Service in year 2008/09 to 30 November, with an analysis of the significant variances against the original budget.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

22 PRUDENTIAL CODE MONITORING REPORT TO 30 NOVEMBER 2008

Consideration was given to a report of the Treasurer to the Fire and Rescue Authority, copies of which had been circulated, informing members of performance up to 30 November 2008 relating to the prudential indicators for capital accounting and treasury management which had been agreed by the Fire and Rescue Authority at a meeting on 22 February 2008.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

23 PROCUREMENT AND ESTATES PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, identifying the progress of the forecasted efficiency savings outlined in the 2008/09 Forward Look Annual Efficiency Statement.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

24 HIGHFIELDS STATION UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, updating members on the progress of this major project, which was expected to be completed on 23 January 2009.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

25 EFFICIENCY SAVINGS

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, proposing the efficiency savings target for 2008/09 and detailing the progress of the forecasted efficiency savings outlined in the 2008/09 Forward Look Annual Efficiency Statement.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

26 PROPOSED CAPITAL AND REVENUE BUDGETS 2009/10 TO 2011/12

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, together with a budget pack which was distributed at the meeting, seeking approval to the report being put forward as the budget proposal to the Policy and Strategy Committee.

Consultation with partners and community engagement was also discussed as there had been concern over the lack of response from some groups. The Head of Finance and

Resources put forward a proposal to set up a commissioning fund to enable a Third Sector organisation to carry out community engagement on behalf of the Service.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the budget report be approved for recommendation to Policy and Strategy Committee;**
- (2) that the proposal to set up a commissioning fund be recommended to the Combined Fire Authority;**
- (3) that members submit a list of community engagement contacts to the Chief Fire Officer.**