



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

FINANCE AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of meeting held on **15 OCTOBER 2010** at Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Bestwood Lodge from 10.00 am to 10.55 am.

Membership

Councillor P Griggs (Chair)
^ Councillor V Bobo
Councillor A Foster
Councillor T Pettengell
Councillor M Wood

Members absent are marked ^

Present as observer – Councillor Pulk.

10 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Bobo.

11 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

12 MINUTES

RESOLVED

- (1) that the next meeting of the Committee scheduled for Friday 14 January 2010 be held at 2.00 pm, instead of at 10.00 am, as a councillors' briefing session had been arranged on that morning;**
- (2) that the minutes of the last meeting held on 9 July 2010, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.**

13 AERIAL LADDER APPLIANCES

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, regarding the early replacement of the two aerial ladder appliances currently in service.

RESOLVED that, subject to consultation with the Chair and Councillor Pettengell, the Chief Fire Officer:

- (1) explore the purchase of a second-hand aerial ladder appliance, which had a more reliable performance design, with the aim that one would be purchased which was less than 10 years old;**
- (2) consider the three options for one of the Magirus appliances – return it to the leasing company (requiring the payment of a penalty), buy the appliance from the leasing company or continue to lease it – and consider the best financial option;**
- (3) provide an operational view on the position with the appliances;**
- (4) begin procurement of a new machine which would come on stream in year 3 and the necessary amendments be made to the capital programme.**

14 REVISIONS TO FINANCIAL STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

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

RESOLVED

- (1) that the plans to update the format and content of the Authority's financial regulations and the amendments to the current version of financial standing orders and financial regulations be approved as set out in the appendices to the report ;**
- (2) that the Chief Fire Officer ensure that reference was made in the regulations to 'Cardiff checks.'**

15 PRUDENTIAL CODE MONITORING REPORT TO 31 AUGUST 2010

Consideration was given to the report of the Treasurer, copies of which had been circulated, on performance up to 31 August 2010 relating to the prudential indicators for capital accounting and treasury management. The Treasurer reported that a further £3 million had been borrowed at the end of September 2010 due to the low interest rates.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

16 CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING REPORT TO 31 AUGUST 2010

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, on progress on the capital programme in 2010/11 to the end of August 2010 and the significant variances against the original programme.

RESOLVED that the report be noted and the slippage from 2009/10 be carried forward into 2010/11.

17 REVENUE MONITORING REPORT TO 31 AUGUST 2010

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, on the financial performance of the Service in 2010/11 to the end of August 2010 and analysing significant variances against the original budget.

RESOLVED that the report be noted and the transfer of part of the underspend to date totalling £630,000 to general reserves be approved.