



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

POLICY AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of the meeting of the held on **22 MAY 2006** at Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Bestwood Lodge from 10.07am to 11.45 am.

Membership

Councillor B Charlesworth
Councillor J Cottee
Councillor S Fielding
Councillor P Griggs
Councillor D Pulk
Councillor K Rigby

Members absent are marked ^

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED that Councillor Pulk be appointed Chair of the Policy and Strategy Committee for the municipal year 2005/06.

2 INTRODUCTION

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting which was to receive reports from the Authority's committees, with the exception of Performance Monitoring Committee, and to consider issues regarding the Regional Management Board.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

4 TERMS OF REFERENCE

RESOLVED that the Policy and Strategy Committee Terms of Reference be noted and endorsed as set out in the report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated.

5 PERFORMANCE MONITORING COMMITTEE

Consideration was given to a report of the Chair of the Performance Monitoring Committee, copies of which had been circulated.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the report be noted;**
- (2) that the Local Area Agreement be included as a key area of performance within the Service's future planning and delivery process;**
- (3) that the Chief Fire Officer submit a report to the Fire and Rescue Authority recommending that the terms of reference of this Committee be amended to the effect that the Policy and Strategy Committee take the strategic lead on ensuring delivery of value for money within the Service.**

6 TASK AND FINISH GROUP FOR SHIFT CHANGE IMPLEMENTATION

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

RESOLVED

- (1) that membership of the Task and Finish Group include Councillor Cottee, as lead opposition spokesperson, and Councillor Grocock;**
- (2) that the officer representation comprise the Chief Fire Officer and Area Manager Safety Services and that the Fire Brigades Union be invited to nominate two trade union representatives;**
- (3) that regular meetings of the Task and Finish Group be arranged and report to the Policy and Strategy Committee.**

7 ELECTED MEMBER DEVELOPMENT

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

RESOLVED that the Chief Fire Officer:-

- (1) formulate a structured approach to Elected Member training and development;**
- (2) produce 'role expectations' statements for agreement.**

8 FINANCE AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Consideration was given to a report of the Chair of the Finance and Resources Committee, copies of which had been circulated.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the Finance and Resources Committee retain the remit for financial risk management;**
- (2) that the issue of Corporate Risk be deferred for further consideration and that a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee.**

9 FiReCONTROL GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, informing members of the consultation paper from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister on the proposed future governance of Regional Control Centres.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the consultation paper be noted;**
- (2) that the Chair, in consultation with the Vice Chair and leaders of the opposition parties, be authorised to agree with the Chief Fire Officer a response to the consultation paper, setting out any contrary views to the Regional Management Position, to be submitted by the deadline of 14 June 2006.**

10 REGIONAL ISSUES

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, informing members of the current position relating to the development of regional collaborative working, the work streams initiated by the Regional Management Board, and the future strategic implications for the Authority.

RESOLVED that the Chief Fire Officer arrange and facilitate an informal members' seminar to further inform and allow discussion on the future of regional working.

11 POLICE FORCE MERGER

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, informing members of the current position relating to the proposal to amalgamate Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire police forces.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the Chair and Chief Fire Officer submit a written response to the consultation process regarding Integrated Risk Management;**
- (2) that, dependant on the outcome of the Home Office consultation and any resultant move from the current force structure to a regional structure, officers review potential Force-Service issues and report to this Committee.**

12 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED that the following provisional dates for future meetings to be held at 10.00 am on the under-mentioned dates be noted:-

4 August 2006	30 March 2007
17 November 2006	25 May 2007