



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

**POLICY AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

of meeting held on **30 JULY 2010** at Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Bestwood Lodge from 10.05 am to 11.05 am.

**Membership**

|   |                         |                                  |
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|   | Councillor D Pulk       | (Chair)                          |
|   | Councillor S Carroll    | (substitute for Councillor Wood) |
|   | Councillor B Cooper     |                                  |
| ^ | Councillor B Cross      |                                  |
| ^ | Councillor T Pettengell |                                  |
|   | Councillor K Rigby      |                                  |
| ^ | Councillor M Wood       |                                  |

Members absent are marked ^

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Cross and from Councillor Wood (on City Council business).

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

No declarations of interests were made.

**3 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the last meeting held on 30 October 2009, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

**4 GOVERNANCE MONITORING**

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, giving an update on attendance by councillors following the implementation of the revised governance arrangements in April 2006.

It was generally considered that the attendance ratios were satisfactory with the possible exception of attendance at councillors' seminars which were often organised at shorter notice and the possibility of putting dates in diaries a year in advance should be considered.

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) that a further report be submitted by the Chief Fire Officer to the next meeting of this Committee relating to the attendance of councillors at committees and at councillors' seminar days, where less than 70% attendance (coloured red on the report) had been achieved, exploring options to improve the figures;**
- (2) that the Chief Fire Officer write to individual councillors to inform them of their personal attendance;**
- (3) that meeting attendance analysis be updated and continue to be reported at twelve monthly intervals to this Committee, including an additional column relating to the attendance of substitutes.**

## **5 EXCLUSION OF 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 items as they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information 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 paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part 1 of schedule 12A to the Act.**

## **6 SECONDMENT OPPORTUNITY**

The Deputy Chief Fire Officer attended the meeting on behalf of the CFO and was able to support the detail of the paper but to maintain confidentiality of the individual involved would not go into the specific personal details that the paper referred to.

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

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) that this Committee supported the principle of the secondment opportunity;**
- (2) that, in light of the recent Central Government statement on Regional Management Boards, further information be submitted to a meeting of this Committee, to be held before the next Fire and Rescue Authority meeting in September 2010, with regard to operational and management responsibilities and the position of the North West Regional Management Board.**