



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

POLICY AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of meeting held on **1 APRIL 2011** at Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Bestwood Lodge from 11.30 am to 12.12 pm.

Membership

Councillor D Pulk (Chair)
Councillor B Cooper
Councillor B Cross
Councillor T Pettengell
^ Councillor K Rigby
Councillor M Wood

Members absent are marked ^

Councillors Foster and Griggs were in attendance as observers.

28 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

29 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

30 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 4 February 2011, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

31 FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES ACT 2004, SECTION 13 AND 16 AGREEMENTS - 2010 UPDATE

Further to minute 23 dated 4 February 2011, consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, regarding the provision of mutual assistance with neighbouring Fire and Rescue Services.

The mutual assistance arrangement had been applied on the following number of occasions in 2010:

	Nottinghamshire Assisted	Assisted Nottinghamshire
Derbyshire	121	62
Humberside	16	15
Leicestershire	25	9
Lincolnshire	99	49
South Yorkshire	38	12

RESOLVED that the report be noted and that the Chief Fire Officer be required to submit a further report to the Policy and Strategy Committee with regard to the implications of cross border working and the potential charging arrangements being extended to all neighbouring Fire and Rescue Services.

32 PROPOSALS TO INTRODUCE A COMMUNITY RIGHT TO CHALLENGE

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, informing the Committee of the current Government consultation on the Community Right to Challenge.

Whilst Councillors valued transparent processes and accountability, concern was expressed with regard to the potential impact on administration recourses required to respond to a community challenge when the Authority systematically consulted the community on the Risk Management Plan and that this was an opportunity to comment on and challenge proposals prior to their application.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the report be noted;**
- (2) that the Chief Fire Officer prepare a response for the Fire and Rescue Authority which should be circulated to all members of this Committee for comment before despatch to Communities and Local Government.**

33 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

RESOLVED that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the remaining item in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the basis that, 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.

34 JOINT ICT PROVISION UPDATE

Further to minute 10 dated 10 September 2010, consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the findings of the ICT scoping report and the position of the three Chief Fire Officers be acknowledged;**
- (2) that the Chief Fire Officer continue to explore potential funding opportunities and submit a further report to this Committee before a final decision be made as to whether to progress with this project.**