



## NOTTINGHAMSHIRE & CITY OF NOTTINGHAM FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**MINUTES of the meeting held at Fire and Rescue Services HQ, Bestwood Lodge, Arnold Nottingham NG5 8PD on 7 June 2019 from 10.31 am - 10.56 am**

#### **Membership**

##### Present

Councillor Michael Payne (Chair)  
Councillor Toby Neal (Vice  
Chair)Councillor Andrew Brown  
Councillor John Clarke  
Councillor Vaughan Hopewell  
Councillor John Longdon  
Councillor Mike Quigley MBE  
Councillor Jonathan Wheeler  
Councillor Sybil Fielding  
Councillor Parry Tsimbiridis  
Councillor Sue Saddington  
Councillor Jawaid Khalil  
Councillor Gul Nawaz Khan  
Councillor Salma Mumtaz  
Councillor Shuguftah Quddoos  
Councillor Nick Raine  
Councillor Stuart Wallace

##### Absent

Councillor Jason Zadrozny

##### Also in attendance

Paddy Tipping, Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner

#### **Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:**

John Buckley - Chief Fire Officer, NFRS  
Craig Parkin - Deputy Chief Fire Officer, NFRS  
Ina Pritchard - Assistant Chief Officer (Temporary)  
Malcolm Townroe - Clerk and Monitoring Officer to the Fire Authority  
Charlotte Radford - Treasurer to the Authority  
Becky Smeathers - Head of Finance  
Catherine Ziane-Pryor - Governance Officer

**1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

**RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Michael Payne as Chair of the Authority for the 2019-20 municipal year.**

**2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR**

**RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Toby Neal as Vice-Chair for the 2019-20 municipal year.**

**3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Jason Zadrozny - personal

**4 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

None.

**5 CHAIRS' ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair welcomed everyone, especially the new members for whom an information pack is provided.

The Chair commented that he intended to continue in the same vein as the previous Chairs of Councillor Grocock and Councillor Pulk, in continuing to work with the Authority's opposition members, for the benefit of the Service and firefighters. It is proposed that informal group leader meetings will be held to ensure that the current good relationship continues and information is shared.

For the benefit of new members, Police and Crime Commissioner Paddy Tipping was introduced as a non-voting but very supportive member of the Authority and Service who contributes to meetings. It was noted that once proposed future changes in legislation are enacted, it will mean that Paddy Tipping will become a voting member of the Authority.

Thanks were expressed to past members of the Authority. For those who had served for the past 4 years and more, a certificate of Service will be presented at the September Fire Authority meeting in recognition of their dedication and passion towards the Service. This includes former Councillor Malcolm Wood, Councillor Eunice Campbell-Clark, Councillor Mohammed Saghir, Councillor Patience Ifediora, former Councillor Jackie Morris, Councillor Kevin Rostance, Councillor Francis Purdue-Horan and of course former Councillor Brian Grocock who served as a member of the Authority from 1997 and was highly respected, especially as Chair of the Authority. Former Councillor Malcolm Wood also contributed greatly and was an exemplary Chair of the Finance and Resources Committee, proving a strong financial strategist during very difficult times.

The HMICFRS inspection has concluded and whilst the draft report has been provided to the Chief Fire Officer for comment, it is embargoed but is predicted to be published within the next few weeks.

As part of the strategic collaboration commitment, discussions are taking place with regard to the potential for the Police to share space within the West Bridgford Fire Station. More information will be provided through the normal reporting processes in due course.

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Councillor Andrew Brown, Lead Opposition member, congratulated Councillor Payne on his appointment and confirmed that he and his colleagues intended the good cross-party working relationship to continue, with the aims of extending collaboration with other Fire and Rescue Services and exploring further financially beneficial ventures. Councillor Brown added that the current levels of reserves need to be preserved and can no longer be used to provide a balance budget unless in exceptional circumstances. It is recognised that there are further challenges ahead for the Fire and Rescue Service.

In conclusion, the Chair reminded members that a comprehensive spending review was predicted either next year or the year after and that all political parties needed to recognise the valuable work of the Fire and Rescue Service.

## **6 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2019 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

## **7 MEMBERSHIP OF THE AUTHORITY, APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND BOARDS AND DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Malcolm Townroe, Clerk and Monitoring Officer, presented the report which lists the Councillors appointed to the Authority by their respective Councils, presents political balance for group places on Committees and asks that groups appoint members to the committees and boards listed.

### **RESOLVED**

**(1) to note the following appointments to the Authority:**

#### **Nottingham City Council:**

**Councillor Jawaid Khalil (Labour)**  
**Councillor Gul Nawaz Khan (Labour)**  
**Councillor Salma Mumtaz (Labour)**  
**Councillor Toby Neal (Labour)**  
**Councillor Shuguftah Quddoos (Labour)**  
**Councillor Nick Raine (Labour)**

#### **Nottinghamshire County Council:**

**Councillor Andrew Brown (Conservative)**  
**Councillor John Clarke (Labour)**  
**Councillor Sybil Fielding (Labour)**  
**Councillor Vaughan Hopewell (Mansfield Independent)**  
**Councillor John Longdon (Conservative)**  
**Councillor Michael Payne (Labour)**  
**Councillor Mike Quigley MBE (Conservative)**  
**Councillor Sue Saddington (Conservative)**  
**Councillor Parry Tsimbiridis (Labour)**  
**Councillor Stuart Wallace (Conservative)**  
**Councillor Jonathan Wheeler (Conservative)**  
**Councillor Jason Zadrozny (Ashfield Independent)**

- (2) to approve the Committee Structure;
- (3) to approve the following appointments, Chairs of Committees and dates of meetings:

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**(10.30 am unless otherwise stated)**

**26 July 2019 (1.30pm)**

**27 September 2019**

**13 December 2019**

**28 February 2020**

**(05 June 2020 - AGM)**

**Policy and Strategy Committee (10.00 am )**

**12 July 2019 Councillor Michael Payne (Chair)**

**08 November 2019 Councillor Toby Neal**

**31 January 2020 Councillor John Clarke**

**01 May 2020 Councillor Sybil Fielding**

**Councillor Andrew Brown**

**Councillor Jonathan Wheeler**

**Human Resources Committee (10.00 am)**

**05 July 2019 Councillor Shuguftah Quddoos (Chair)**

**18 October 2019 Councillor Jawaid Khalil**

**20 January 2020 Councillor Salma Mumtaz**

**24 April 2020 Councillor Vaughan Hopewell**

**Councillor John Longdon**

**Community Safety Committee (10.00 am)**

**21 June 2019 Councillor Nick Raine (Chair)**

**04 October 2019 Councillor Parry Tsimbiridis**

**10 January 2020 Councillor Gul Nawaz Khan**

**27 March 2020 Councillor Sue Saddington**

**Councillor Stuart Wallace**

**Councillor Jason Zadrozny**

**Finance and Resources Committee (10.00 am)**

**28 June 2019 Councillor John Clarke (Chair)**

**11 October 2019 Councillor Toby Neal**

**17 January 2020 Councillor Nick Raine**

**03 April 2020 Councillor Andrew Brown**

**Councillor Mike Quigley MBE**

**Personnel Committee (to meet as required, Chair appointed at each meeting)**

**Councillor Toby Neal**

**Councillor Shuguftah Quddoos**

**Councillor Parry Tsimbiridis**

**Councillor Jawaid Khalil**

**Councillor Mike Quigley MBE**

**Councillor Sue Saddington**

**Councillor John Longdon**

**Appointments Committee (to meet as required)**

**Councillor Michael Payne  
Councillor Toby Neal  
Councillor John Clarke  
Councillor Andrew Brown  
Councillor Vaughan Hopewell  
Councillor Jason Zadrozny**

**Strategic Inclusion Board (at the rising of each full Fire Authority meeting excluding the AGM).**

**Councillor Michael Payne  
Councillor Toby Neal  
Councillor Shuguftah Quddoos  
Councillor Andrew Brown  
Councillor Stuart Wallace  
Councillor Jason Zadrozny**

**Pensions Board**

**Councillor Sybil Fielding  
(Councillor Toby Neal as substitute)**

**Trading Company**

**Councillor Michael Payne  
Councillor Toby Neal  
Councillor Andrew Brown  
Councillor Mike Quigley MBE  
Councillor Jonathan Wheeler**

**8 COMMITTEE OUTCOMES FOR NOTING**

John Buckley, Chief Fire Officer, presented the report which provides the minutes of the following sub-committees:

Community Safety Committee 22 March 2019  
Finance and Resources Committee 29 March 2019  
Human Resources Committee 05 April 2019

It is noted that the April 2019 meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee was cancelled.

**RESOLVED to note the report.**

**9 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of the remaining items 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 outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.**

**10 EXEMPT MINUTES**

The exempt minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2019 were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chair.