



Towards a Dorset & Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Authority

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| MEETING | Shadow Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority |
| DATE OF MEETING | 23 June 2015 |
| SUBJECT OF THE REPORT | Adoption of Standing Orders |
| STATUS OF REPORT | For open publication |
| PURPOSE OF REPORT | To consider draft Standing Orders for the new Authority |
| EXECUTIVE SUMMARY | <p>At the meeting of the Dorset and Wiltshire Joint Committee on 4 June 2015 I reported that one of the key governance documents for early adoption by the new Authority will be its Standing Orders. The Joint Committee was invited to comment on a table comparing the Standing Orders of the two existing Fire Authorities (Appendix 1) and to make recommendations as to which should be retained. Appendix 2 to this report is a set of draft Standing Orders reflecting the recommendations made in the table at Appendix 1.</p> <p>The Joint Committee supported the proposed Standing Orders and (although not a Committee of the Shadow Authority) to recommend the Standing Orders to the Shadow Authority for adoption at this meeting.</p> <p>Specific consideration was given to quorum. The Combination Order prescribes a quorum of ten, drawn from any of the five constituent Councils. Members supported this and did not wish the quorum to be increased or for there to be a requirement that a particular number of members from each constituent Council should be present in order for a meeting to be quorate.</p> |
| RISK ASSESSMENT | None |
| COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT | No separate impact assessment has been carried out in bringing forward this report. |
| BUDGET IMPLICATIONS | This report does not give rise to any new budget implications. |
| RECOMMENDATIONS | Members are invited to adopt the proposed Standing Orders set out in Appendix 2 to this report. |

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| BACKGROUND PAPERS | Dorset Fire Authority and Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority member hand books and Standing Orders. |
| APPENDICES | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Standing Orders comparison table.2. Proposed Standing Orders for the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority. |
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