

Meeting : Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority
Place Wiltshire FRS Training & Development Centre,
Hopton Industrial Estate, Devizes, SN10 2EU
Date : Thursday 13 February 2014
Time : 10.30 a.m.

Briefing for Chairman & Group Leaders : 9.30 a.m. Friday, 7 February, Large Conference Room,
FRS Headquarters, Potterne

Members' private pre-meeting : 9.45 a.m. Thursday 13 February, Wiltshire FRS Training &
Development Centre, Devizes

AGENDA

PART I

Items to be considered while the meeting is open to the public

- 1 Minutes of Last Meeting (12 December 2013)
To confirm and sign the minutes of the last meeting – copy circulated.
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Members' Interests
To receive any declarations of interests which the Authority's Code of Conduct requires to be disclosed, or dispensations granted by the Clerk to the Authority or the Ethics Committee.
- 4 Chairman's Announcements
- 5 Questions from the Public

FINANCE & RESOURCES

- 6 Finance Review and Audit Committee
To receive the minutes of a meeting of the Committee held on 17 December 2013 – copy circulated.
- 7 Capital Programme 2014/15 and Prudential Indicators
To consider a paper by the Brigade Manager, Finance and the Chief Fire Officer - copy circulated.
- 8 Revenue Budget 2014/15 and Council Tax Resolution

- (1) To determine a revenue budget for the forthcoming financial year, and to approve a precept. A paper by the Brigade Manager, Governance & Assurance and the Chief Fire Officer is circulated.

(2) To adopt the following resolutions:

- a) To authorise the Brigade Manager, Governance & Assurance to give notice of the approved precept to the appropriate billing authorities.
- b) To authorise the Brigade Manager, Governance & Assurance to pay out of the combined fire service fund sums in respect of :
 - (i) All accounts and debts due by the Authority forming the Authority's gross revenue expenditure for 2014/15 in the approved budget and such changes as may be agreed subsequently by the Authority;
 - (ii) The cost of capital items including the purchase and leasing of equipment specified in the capital budget, and
 - (iii) Such loans made by the Authority as may be approved.
- c) To authorise the Brigade Manager, Governance & Assurance to borrow such sums as may be required in respect of schemes in the capital budget.

9 Medium Term Financial Strategy

To consider a paper by the Brigade Manager, Governance & Assurance and to approve the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2014-2019

10 Extension to Existing Contracts

The Clerk will brief the Authority on an existing contract and ask for the Authority's approval to extend it in accordance with Financial Regulations.

SERVICE DELIVERY

11 Protection, Prevention and Intervention

A short visual presentation will be made.

12 Fire Safety Primary Authority Scheme

To consider a paper by the CFO on the Fire Safety Primary Authority Scheme and to decide on the Authority's course of action.

GOVERNANCE

13 WFRS Website Update

The new WFRS website will be demonstrated.

PEOPLE

14. Staffing Committee

To receive the minutes of the Staffing Committee held on 31 January 2014.

15. Pay Policy Statement 2014/15

To consider a paper by the Brigade Manager, People & Development and to approve the Pay Policy Statement appended to the paper as recommended by the Staffing Committee.

16. Pensions Discretions Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS)

To consider a paper by the Brigade Manager, People & Development and to approve the revised discretions policy as recommended by the Staffing Committee.

17. Pensions Discretions – Firefighters’ Pension Scheme & New Firefighters’ Pension Scheme (FPS & NFPS)

To consider a paper by the Brigade Manager, People & Development and to approve the revised discretions policy as recommended by the Staffing Committee.

PARTNERSHIP WITH DORSET

18. Combination Oversight Board

To consider a paper by the Clerk to the Authority on the revised terms of reference for the Combination Oversight Board and to recommend their adoption.

OTHER MATTERS

19. Ethics Committee

To nominate a new member to the Ethics Committee

20. Urgent Business

To consider any business which, in the opinion of the Chairman, is urgent.

PART II

Items during whose consideration it is recommended that the public should be excluded because of the likelihood that exempt information would be disclosed

None

S L GOWLAND
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