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MINUTES of a MEETING of the URGENCY COMMITTEE held at the WILTSHIRE FRS HEADQUARTERS, POTTERNE Tuesday 22 July 2014

Present:- Cllr Devine, Cllr Bennett, Cllr Clark, Cllr Marshall, Cllr Newbury Cllr Perkins in attendance

CFO Routh-Jones, P Chow, S Taylor (Monitoring Officer)

1. Membership

The membership of the Urgency Committee was noted.

2. **Election of Chairman**

Councillor Christopher Devine was elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

3. Apologies

There were no apologies.

4. Minutes of last meeting

These were approved at the CFA meeting after the Urgency Committee meeting on 31 August 2010..

5. Members' Interests

No interests were declared.

6. **Approval of Consultation Document**

The paper was discussed at length and updated accordingly.

4 out of 5 members approved the consultation document for publication.

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Cllr Newbury expressed concerns on the cost of the consultation.

The question was asked who had authorised the consultation and at what cost to the Service?

CFO confirmed consultation was approved at COB. He also confirmed that the CFA agreed the consultation process; it was highlighted that money had been set aside from the transformation budget.

S Taylor also confirmed it was approved by the Fire Authority last year.

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P Chow said it would cost approximately £50,000 and that money had been set aside for the consultation process.

The question was asked "do we still have freedom of action/movement?".

Cllr Devine stated that we did not have a contract with Dorset, and that we did not have to agree with Dorset. It was noted that Dorset were expected to pass the consultation paper. S Taylor stated there was a need for an overlap on the consultation papers as it affected both Services.

Cllr Devine asked if there was a need for the Foreword Section to be signed by the Chair and that it would include photographs.

7. Contract Extensions

The extensions to the contracts with XVR and 365i were approved.

8. Any Other Business

Substitutes – Discussions took place with reference to allowing nominated deputies to stand on selected committees. *Action:- S Taylor to report back to the next CFA*.