COUNCIL MEETING, 25 FEBRUARY 2021

REPORT OF THE

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Authority (Shadow Authority)

PART II

1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- 1.1. On 19 December 2020, the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Authority (H&IWFRA) Shadow Authority received a report from the Treasurer on the first budget for the new Combined Fire Authority, which provided an update to members of the current financial position for the 2020/21 Hampshire FRA Revenue Budget and an update on the 2021/22 Hampshire and Isle of Wight FRA budget setting process.
- 1.2. Members approved the growth pressures presented to the Authority, and noted the elements that were still unknown, including uncertainties on the level of Council Tax Base in the current and future years as a result of the impacts of the Covid pandemic.
- 1.3. On 10 February 2021, H&IWFRA Shadow Authority had its final meeting in its capacity as a Shadow Authority, and as from 1 April 2021, the formal Combined Fire Authority for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will come into being.
- 1.4. It was a very busy agenda for the Shadow Authority, which approved the budget for the upcoming year after considering the variations and uncertainties still to come. The transfer of policies, statutory officer appointments, Members allowance scheme, safety policy, and the health, safety and wellbeing Statement of Intent were also approved.
- 1.5. Further details can be found at the following links:

<u>HIWFRA Shadow Authority – 19 December 2020 Papers</u> HIWFRA Shadow Authority - 10 February 2021 Papers

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(Shadow Authority)