

AT A MEETING of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Authority  
held at Fire & Police HQ, Eastleigh, on Tuesday 26th July, 2022

Chairman:

\* Councillor Rhydian Vaughan MBE

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| * Councillor Gary Hughes        | * Councillor Zoe Huggins   |
| * Councillor Tony Bunday        | * Councillor Karen Lucioni |
| * Councillor Cal Corkery        | * Councillor Keith Mans    |
| * Councillor Debbie Curnow-Ford | * Councillor Derek Mellor  |
| * Councillor David Harrison     | Councillor Roger Price     |

**103. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Roger Price. Donna Jones, the Police & Crime Commissioner, also sent apologies for the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Karen Lucioni to the meeting as the new Member from the Isle of Wight Council and thanked Councillor Ian Stephens for his work on the Combined Fire Authority.

**104. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter considered at the meeting they must declare that interest at the time of the relevant debate and, having regard to the circumstances described in Part 3, Paragraph 1.5 of the County Council's Members' Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 1.6 of the Code. Furthermore Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Non-Pecuniary interest in a matter being considered at the meeting they considered whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 5 of the Code, considered whether it was appropriate to leave the meeting whilst the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

**105. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING - 14 JUNE 2022**

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and agreed.

**106. DEPUTATIONS**

The Authority received a deputation from Jenna Shergold, who addressed the Committee about Queens Platinum Jubilee medals not being awarded to the Fire Control Room at Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service.

## 107. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman confirmed the passing away of Crew Manager Adrian Johnson after a short illness. The Chief Fire Officer shared how the funeral was well attended and thoughts were with the friends, family and colleagues.

In further announcements, it was confirmed that on Thursday 30 June, the newest group of 17 recruits completed their training to become Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service Firefighters. The HMICFRS Inspection field work had also been completed, which was a great opportunity to understand what more could be done to improve the Service for communities and staff and also a means to share what had been proudly achieved.

The Fire Authority was also updated on recent incidents attended to by the Service and the Oregon exchange programme.

## 108. MEMBER DEVELOPMENTS

Members shared the following updates:

- Councillor Zoe Huggins had attended the Southsea Passing Out Parade and would be attending the Redbridge Passing Out Parade;
- Councillor Gary Hughes also attended the Eastleigh Parade and welcomed the diversity of graduates;
- Councillor Tony Bunday had attended the Hightown Fire Station on the 13 July and sought views on the White Paper as well as attending the Passing Out Parade;
- Councillor Cal Corkery reflected on the deputation that had been made and welcomed further investigation by the Fire Authority. He also anticipated getting involved in mitigating climate change in his champion role at the Authority.

## 109. APPOINTMENTS REPORT

The Authority received a report from the Monitoring Officer (item 7 in the minute book) regarding minor changes to appointments at the Fire Authority.

Following the change in Member representing the Isle of Wight Council, it was necessary to confirm the appointment of Councillor Karen Lucioni on sub-committees.

### RESOLVED

- a. The Authority noted the updated political composition of the Authority as attached in Appendix 1 and that the proportional allocation of seats on the Authority's committees remained as agreed at the Authority's Annual Meeting on 14 June 2022.
- b. Councillor Karen Lucioni was appointed in place of Councillor Ian Stephens as the Liberal Democrat and Independent deputy on Standards & Governance Committee.

c. Councillor Karen Lucioni was appointed in place of Councillor Ian Stephens as the Liberal Democrat and Independent deputy on the 3SFire CIC Stakeholder Committee.

d. All other appointments remain as agreed at the Authority's Annual General Meeting on 14 June 2022.

#### 110. **ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY**

The Authority considered a report from the Chief Fire Officer (item 8 in the minute book), which asked the Authority to approve the Asset Management Policy.

The policy was structured around the principles and practices and was continuously assessed to ensure assets were managed correctly to enable longevity of usage, safe operation and efficient financial management.

During questions, it was confirmed that PPE replacement was included as part of the asset management and social-economic policies such as the Modern Slavery Statement were also encompassed.

RESOLVED

The Asset Management Policy was approved by the HIWFRA Full Authority.

#### 111. **PROPERTY MATTERS REPORT**

The Authority considered a report from the Chief Fire Officer (item 9 in the minute book) regarding property related matters where action has already been taken under delegated authority.

It was confirmed that additional space at Hardley Fire Station had been allocated to Hampshire Constabulary. Work on Cosham Fire Station continued as part of a separate investment although there had been some delays due to discussions continuing regarding the disposal of associated sites.

RESOLVED

The items set out in the report were noted by the HIWFRA Full Authority.

#### 112. **OUTTURN REPORT**

The Authority considered a report from the Chief Fire Officer (item 10 in the minute book), which provided a summary of the 2021/22 revenue outturn position for the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service for the 2021/22 financial year.

Members were pleased to learn of the Authorities strong performance in a very challenging economic environment. Despite inflation and supply chain concerns, officers remained optimistic that projects could be delivered. Vacancies had also

been managed to ensure resilience and were being looked at more holistically. It was also confirmed that as the Service continued to recruit a more diverse workforce, the need for change and modernisation of facilities was crucial for staff wellbeing.

## RESOLVED

- a. The outturn position for 2021/22 (including Appendix A) and the use of reserves set out in paragraph 39 and appendix C of the report were approved by the HIWFRA Full Authority;
- b. The carry forward requests totalling £616,000 as set out in paragraph 16 of the report were approved by the HIWFRA Full Authority;
- c. The contribution of £550,000 from the Operations Directorate budget to the Transformation Reserve, was agreed to be ringfenced for improvements as set out in paragraphs 12 – 15;
- d. The transfer of budgets from non-pay to pay to cover the post of Director of People and Organisational Development and two additional posts within the ICT team were approved by the HIWFRA Full Authority;
- e. The capital outturn position in 2021/22 and the capital spend profile going forwards including the additional funding for the sprinkler project set out in appendix B were approved by the HIWFRA Full Authority;
- f. The increase in funding of £1m for the Live Fire project was approved by the HIWFRA Full Authority;
- g. The financing for capital payments set out in paragraph 24 was approved by the HIWFRA Full Authority;
- h. The revised cost cap envelope for temporary promotions set out in paragraph 55 was approved by the HIWFRA Full Authority;
- i. The annual Treasury outturn report set out in appendix D of the report was approved by the HIWFRA Full Authority.

### 113. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

There was no requirement to go into exempt session and so the press and public were not excluded from the meeting.

### 114. **OUTTURN REPORT - EXEMPT APPENDIX**

The exempt appendix was considered as part of item 10 on the agenda without being directly referenced, and therefore there was no requirement to go into exempt session.

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