

Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority
Strategy and Resources Committee
Meeting at Brigade Headquarters, Shrewsbury
on Thursday, 9 March 2006 at 2.00 pm

AGENDA

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Declarations of Interest

Members are reminded that they should declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests at this point and that they should leave the meeting room before any item, in which they have a prejudicial interest, is discussed.

3 Minutes

To agree the minutes of the Strategy and Resources Committee meeting, held on 19 January 2006, and that they be signed as a correct record. Attached marked **3**.
For decision

4 Public Questions

To receive any questions, statements or petitions, of which notice has been received, from members of the public.

5 Performance Plan 2006-08

This report advises Members of the proposed structure and contents of the Fire Authority's Performance Plan 2006-08. Attached marked **5**. **For decision.**

6 Audit Commission Assessment - Use of Resources Pilot

At the Fire Authority meeting on the 8 February 2006 officers were requested to obtain information regarding involvement in the Audit Commission's Use of Resources Assessment pilot and authority was delegated to the Strategy and Resources Committee to decide whether to participate in the pilot. This report provides further information regarding the pilot. Attached marked **6**. **For decision.**

7 Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2005/06

This report informs the Committee of the current position of the 2005/06 revenue budget and capital programme. Attached marked **7**. **For decision.**

8 Annual Efficiency Statement

This report updates Members on progress so far against the Fire Authority's policy on seeking efficiencies, and recommends a forward looking statement for 2006/07, as required by the Government. Attached marked **8**. **For decision.**

9 Medium Term Financial Plan

This report updates the Authority's medium term financial plan, as part of the process of embedding financial plans, budgets and capital programme within the delivery of service priorities. Attached marked **9**. **For information.**

10 Special Exemption from Standing Orders Relating to Contracts

This report advises Members of special exemptions from Standing Orders Relating to Contracts, which have been agreed by the Chief Fire Officer and the Treasurer, after consultation with the Chair of the Fire Authority. Attached marked **10**. **For information.**

11 Retained Firefighters and the Part-Time Workers (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations – House of Lords Decision

Officers have today heard the outcome of the appeal to the House of Lords. BBC and Fire Brigades Union press releases in this respect are attached marked **11a**. Fire Brigades National Employers Circular EMP/2/05 of 20 January 2005, providing information regarding the appeal, is attached marked **11b**. Officers have not yet had the opportunity to assess the impact of this decision and will provide a verbal update at the meeting. **For information.**