

**Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority  
Strategy and Resources Committee Meeting  
at Brigade Headquarters, Shrewsbury  
on Thursday, 16 November 2006 at 2.00 pm**

**AGENDA**

**1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence have been received from the Chair, Councillor Morgan.

**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 before any item, in which they have a prejudicial interest, is discussed.

**3 Non-Exempt Minutes**

To agree the non-exempt minutes of the Strategy and Resources Committee meeting, held on 21 September 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 Annual Efficiency Statement**

This report seeks the scrutiny and approval of the Committee to the formal submission of the backward and forward looking Annual Efficiency Statements for 2006/07, as delegated by the Fire Authority. Attached marked **5. For decision.**

**6 2007/08 to 2009/10 Revenue and Capital Budgets**

This report brings together the various elements of the expenditure budgets and projections. It recommends them to the Fire Authority as the basis for its consideration of the budget on 20 December 2006. Attached marked **6. For decision.**

The following papers considered by the Budget Working Group at its meeting on 6 November 2006 (as amended for minor omissions and corrections) are attached as an appendix to this report for information.

**6a Budget Summary**

This note brings together the papers attached and summarises the consequences for the Fire Authority's spending.

**6b Base Budget Plus Committed Change**

This note shows the latest position on the base budget plus committed change, following budget reviews with heads of department.

**6c Pay and Prices Assumptions**

This note proposes an additional provision for pay and price increases to be added to the 2006/07 base budget.

- 6d Efficiencies and Other Savings**  
This note sets out the efficiencies so far identified for 2007/08.
- 6e Growth in Expenditure**  
This note sets out the growth items that would be funded from efficiencies and savings.
- 6f Ten Year Capital Programme**  
This note proposes to the Strategy and Resources Committee a Ten Year Capital Programme to be put forward to the Fire Authority as a replacement for the Capital Programme currently contained within the Medium Term Financial Plan 2006/07 to 2008/09.
- 6g Capital Programme and the Revenue Budget**  
This note links the attached report on the Ten Year Capital Programme to the revenue budget.
- 6h Provisions, Earmarked Reserves and General Reserve**  
This note reviews the levels of Provisions and Reserves within the current policies of the Fire Authority and makes recommendations on changes for consideration during the budget process.
- 6i Medium Term Financial Plan**  
The Fire Authority agreed that the Medium Term Financial Plan should be updated during November 2006, prior to its agreement by the Authority in February 2007. This paper is intended to demonstrate the close links between the budget work currently underway and the updates required to the Plan.
- 7 CIPFA Statistics and the Audit Commission's Value for Money Profile**  
This report informs Members of correspondence about the consistency of the information being used by the Audit Commission to undertake "value for money" and "direction of travel" assessments of this and other Fire Authorities. Attached marked **7. For information.**
- 8 Local Government Act 1972**  
To consider a resolution under section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined by the provisions of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act, by virtue of paragraphs 3 and 4.
- 9 Exempt Minutes – Paragraphs 3 and 4**  
To agree the exempt minutes of the Strategy and Resources Committee meeting, held on 21 September 2006, and that they be signed as a correct record. Attached marked **9. For decision.**
- Paragraph 3**  
Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding the information)
- Paragraph 4**  
Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.