

Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority
Strategy and Resources Committee Meeting
at Brigade Headquarters, Shrewsbury
on Thursday, 24 May 2007 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 8 March 2007, 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 Service and Budget Planning**
This report proposes a service and budget planning process, for approval by the Fire Authority on 18 July 2007. Attached marked **5**. **For decision**
- 6 Medium Term Financial Plan**
Following on from the report, which was agreed at the March 2007 meeting of the Strategy and Resources Committee, the Chief Fire Officer and the Treasurer will give a brief presentation outlining progress on the Medium Term Financial Plan. **For information**
- 7 CIPFA (Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy) Statistics Analysis**
The Integrated Risk Management Planning Manager will give a presentation providing an analysis of the CIPFA statistics. **For information**
- 8 Regional Fire Control Centre / Firelink**
This report is intended to update Members of the Committee on the financial outlook for the Fire Authority of these national schemes. This will inform the Medium Term Financial Plan and the three-year budgeting process for 2008/09 to 2010/11. Attached marked **8**. **For decision**



9 Best Value Performance Plan 2007/08 – Target Setting

A process to enable target setting has been developed by the Service. The purpose of this report is to explain that process, which, in turn, will enable Members to review and set challenging and realistic targets for inclusion within the impending and subsequent performance plans for 2007/08, 2008/09 and 2009/10. Attached marked **9. For decision**

10 Income and Charging Consultation

The Strategy and Resources Committee received a report at its meeting on 25 January 2007 concerning consultation by the Department of Communities and Local Government on Extension to Charging. Fire Service Circular 10/2007 accompanies the findings of this consultation and includes further consultation on adding one specific category to the Charging Order. Officers feel that it would be a useful extension of charging powers and would recommend responding accordingly. The Committee is asked to agree the response to this further consultation. **For decision**

A copy of Fire Service Circular 10/2007 can be accessed on the internet at:

<http://www.shropshirefire.gov.uk/Docs/CFA/Meetings/Strategy-Resources/2007-05-24/10%20-%20Findings%20and%20further%20consultation%20on%20the%20extension%20to%20charging%20by%20Fire%20and%20Rescue%20Authorities.pdf>

11 Statement on Internal Control

This report sets out the draft Statement on Internal Control to be included in the Fire Authority's Final Accounts for 2006/07. Attached marked **11 For decision**

12 Corporate Risk Management Summary

This is the latest of the regular Risk Summary Reports to the Strategy and Resources Committee. As previously, these reports are intended to enable Members to meet the requirements of this Committee's Terms of Reference as they relate to the Fire Authority's management of corporate risk. Attached marked **12. For information**

13 Local Government Act 1972

Members are asked to consider a resolution under the Local Government Act 1972 that the public be excluded for the following item on the grounds that it involves 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.

14 Corporate Risk Management – Exempted Information (Paragraphs 3 and 4)

The Committee will have received an open session report, which summarised the Fire Authority's current exposure to corporate risk. This report, supplements that one, as it contains information that is exempt from publication by virtue of the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A. Attached marked **14. For information**



Definitions of Exempt Information Local Government Act 1972 – Schedule 12A

Part 1 Descriptions of Exempt Information: England

Paragraph 1

Information relating to any individual

Paragraph 2

Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual

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

Paragraph 5

Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings

Paragraph 6

Information which reveals that the authority proposes:

- (a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
- (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.

Paragraph 7

Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime

