

## **DRAFT**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Fire Authority's Joint Consultative Committee held at the Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, 12 Geoff Monk Way, Birstall, on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015

## **PRESENT**

Cllr S Corral – in the Chair

Mrs C Radford CC

Mr M Wyatt CC

Mr G Vaux (FBU)

Mr G Lynch (FBU)

Mr D Thornton (FBU)

Ms A Montague (Unison)

## **OFFICERS**

Mr D Webb                      Chief Fire and Rescue Officer

Mr R Chandler                Deputy Chief Fire and Rescue Officer

Mr G Goodman                Secretary to the Committee

Mrs J Green                    Assistant Secretary to the Committee

### **1. Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies.

### **2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

#### **RESOLVED:**

The Committee approved the Minutes of the Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

### **3. FBU Response to the 'LFRS IRMP Proposals for Change 2015-2020'**

Mr G Vaux (FBU) opened the discussion. A PowerPoint presentation was delivered to enhance the information put forward for discussion. The FBU wished to express their deep concern over the proposals and asked for alternatives to be considered. The Chair confirmed that any suggestions made by the FBU would be presented to the Combined Fire Authority (CFA) for its consideration.

#### *Reduce ridership to 4*

The FBU feel to reduce to 4 as standard is completely unsafe and Members need to be given greater details. The Chief Fire Officer (CFO) assured Members that the evidence confirms it is recognised as safe and fully accepted nationally.

#### *Remove 2<sup>nd</sup> appliance from Loughborough Fire Station*

#### *Remove 2<sup>nd</sup> appliance from Oakham Fire Station*

#### *Remove one appliance from the City*

The FBU highlighted that attendance times for second appliances attending incidents in Loughborough and Rutland would increase significantly and would impact on safety.

The FBU wished to draw attention to the Brigade Response Options System (BROS) a method developed by government scientists to examine and assess the effect of changes to attendance standards prior to implementation.

#### *Establish Day Crewing Plus at Wigston Fire Station*

The FBU have concerns over the longevity of the Day Crewing Plus System and feel it is unsustainable.

During discussions the FBU confirmed they were against all the proposals as they stood being presented to the CFA at its meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2015. They were keen to work together but would have welcomed the opportunity to have undertaken these discussions at a much earlier stage.

The Deputy Chief Fire and Rescue Officer (DCFO) and the FBU representatives agreed to meet to discuss other options as a way forward. The Chair confirmed Members would welcome sight of any details available in confidence.

### **4. Date of Next Meeting**

The proposed date is 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015

**4<sup>th</sup> February 2015  
14:00hrs – 15:50hrs**

**CHAIR**