

### Minutes of a meeting of the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Fire Authority's Policy Committee held at the Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2015

#### PRESENT

Cllr S Corral – in the Chair

Cllr K Bool

Mrs C Radford CC

Mr B Liquorish CC

Mr M Wyatt CC

Ms B Newton CC

#### OFFICERS

Mr D Webb Chief Fire and Rescue Officer

Mr R Chandler Deputy Chief Fire and Rescue Officer

Mr S Lunn Director of Community Services

Mr T Peel Treasurer and Director of Finance and Corporate Services

Mr G Goodman Solicitor and Monitoring Officer

Mrs J Green Member Services Co-ordinator

#### 1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr C Bhatti.

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

None.

#### 3. Public Participation

None.

#### 4. Chair's Announcements

The Chair's announcements had been circulated ahead of the meeting.

An open letter from the Fire Minister, Penny Mordaunt MP, was circulated to the Committee along with an addendum provided by the Treasurer.

The Chief Fire and Rescue Officer (CFO) informed the Committee that four candidates had been shortlisted for interview in respect of the recruitment of a new CFO. Interviews are scheduled for Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2015.

Finally, Members wished to have their sincere congratulations passed to Mr

Peter Roffey on being awarded an OBE (Order of the British Empire) in the New Year's Honours list in recognition of his services to the community.

**5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

**RESOLVED:**

The Committee confirmed as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

**6. Urgent Items**

None.

**7. Key Projects Report**

The Deputy Chief Fire and Rescue Officer (DCFO) presented this routine update report to the Committee in respect of on-going projects and tasks undertaken since the last Committee meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

**RESOLVED:**

The Committee noted the report.

**8. Performance Monitoring Report**

The DCFO presented this routine update report to the Committee in respect of organisational performance against the relevant Secondary Indicators for the period from April to November 2014.

**RESOLVED:**

The Committee noted the performance for the period.

**9. Financial Budget Monitoring**

The Treasurer presented this regular routine financial monitoring report to the Committee. This report highlighted the current position of the Capital and Revenue budgets at Financial Period 8, ending 30<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

The Solicitor and Monitoring Officer confirmed a rise in Members' Allowances of 2.2% with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015.

**RESOLVED:**

The Committee:

- a) Noted the budget position as at the end of November 2014.
- b) Noted the review of growth and savings as at the end of November 2014.
- c) Noted the review of carry forwards as at the end of November 2014.
- d) Noted the treasury management position as at the end of November 2014.
- e) Agreed to the virement of £477,000 budget from Customer and Client Receipts to Other Grants, Reimbursements and Contributions for the

Prince's Trust.

## **10. Local Government Finance Settlement**

The Director of Finance and Corporate Services presented this report to the Committee outlining the Combined Fire Authority's (CFA's) Revenue Spending Power and projected income for 2015/16 and its probable implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) for 2015 – 20. It also sought a decision on the level of Council Tax for 2015/16.

A detailed PowerPoint presentation was delivered to enhance the information. The 2015/16 Council Tax options to be presented to the CFA were as follows:

- 0% + Freeze Grant
- 1.5% (2014/15 Level)
- 1.99% (Maximum Referendum Limit)
- £5 (As per the Integrated Risk Management Plan [IRMP] Consultation)
- £10 (As per IRMP consultation)

### **RESOLVED:**

The Committee noted the options for the 2015/16 Council Tax to be presented to the CFA in February.

## **11. Date of next meeting:**

This was confirmed as 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015

**14<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

**14:00hrs – 15:00hrs**

**Chair**