

LEICESTERSHIRE

FIRE and RESCUE SERVICE

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Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Fire Authority, held at the Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters on Wednesday, 5th November 2014

PRESENT

Cllr S Barton	Mr P Lewis CC
Cllr C Bhatti	Mr B Liquorish CC
Cllr K Bool	Ms B Newton CC
Cllr A Byrne	Mr P Osborne CC
Mr M Charlesworth CC	Mrs P Posnett CC
Cllr S Corrall (Chair)	Mrs C Radford CC
Mr J Coxon CC	Mr M Wyatt CC
Mrs J Fox 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

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms S Maher	Director HR & Cllr Development, East Midland Councils
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1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Mr S Bray CC. Cllr D Bajaj was absent.

The Chair welcomed Mr Peter Osborne CC and Mrs P Posnett CC to the meeting as Members appointed by Leicestershire County Council in place of Mr R Shepherd CC and Mr O O'Shea CC.

2. To receive declarations by members of interests in respect of items on this Agenda

Mrs C Radford CC declared a personal interest in Item 7 on the Agenda and left the meeting during this item.

3. Public Participation

None.

4. Chair's announcements

None.

5. CFA Rules of Procedure Rule 9 – Member Questions

None.

6. Urgent Business

None.

7. Resolution

The Combined Fire Authority (CFA) approved the following resolution without discussion.

RESOLVED:

- a) Noted the appointment of Mrs C Radford CC in place of Mr P Osborne CC with effect from 29th September 2014.
- b) Reappointed Mrs Radford as Vice-Chair with effect from that date.
- c) In the exceptional circumstances of this case, agreed not to seek to recover the repayment in Mrs Radford's Members Allowances for the period 24th September 2014 to 28th September 2014.

8. Options for the Future Appointment of the Chief Fire and Rescue Officer/Chief Executive Post

The Chief Fire and Rescue Officer (CFO) presented this report which sets out options for resourcing the post of Chief Fire and Rescue Officer/Chief Executive, following the retirement of the incumbent.

The CFA discussed the report in depth and remained committed to ensuring the way forward must be in the best interests of the organisation going forward, noting the need to consider all options and looking for efficiencies where feasible.

The Deputy Chief Fire and Rescue Officer and the Director of Community Services left the meeting during the discussion of this item and before a vote

was taken.

Mr M Charlesworth CC moved Option B as presented in the report for the redistribution of responsibilities within the Senior Management; this was seconded by Mr M Wyatt CC.

A vote was taken with 2 in Favour, 11 Against and 2 Abstentions.

The motion fell.

Ms B Newton moved Option C as presented in the report to recruit to the post. This was seconded by Mrs P Posnett CC.

A vote was taken with 11 in Favour, 2 Against and 2 Abstentions.

The motion was carried.

The Chair moved that the salary be set at £139,220 as detailed in the Appendix to the report at paragraph 3.3 this was seconded by Mrs J Fox CC.

A vote was taken with 11 in Favour, 1 Against and 2 Abstentions.

A further discussion with regards to the interim arrangements will take place at the CFA meeting in February 2015.

RESOLVED:

The CFA:

- a) Approved Option C of the report to recruit to the post of Chief Fire and Rescue Officer/Chief Executive.
- b) Authorised the Solicitor and Monitoring Officer to make the necessary changes to the Pay Policy Statement to reflect the arrangements agreed, revised salary and the recent changes to the level of CFO and Directors' pay following the 2014 national pay award.

9. Integrated Risk Management Plan Consultation – presentation by Opinion Research Services

Mr Dale Hall of Opinion Research Services (ORS) delivered a detailed presentation to the CFA.

10. Date of Next Meeting

This was confirmed as Wednesday, 10th December 2014.

**5th November 2014
14:00 – 14:47**

CHAIR