



Minutes of a meeting of the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Fire Authority held at County Hall, Glenfield on Thursday, 1 June 2023.

PRESENT

Mr. N. J. Rushton CC (in the Chair)

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| Mr. R. G. Allen CC | Mr. K. Ghattoraya CC |
| Mr. N. D. Bannister CC | Mr. D. J. Grimley CC |
| Cllr. S. Barton | Mr. B. Harrison-Rushton CC |
| Cllr. Hemant Rae Bhatia | Cllr. S. Harvey |
| Mr. S. L. Bray CC | Ms. Betty Newton CC |
| Mr. B. Champion CC | Cllr. Abdul Osman |
| Mr. J. G. Coxon CC | Cllr. Manjula Sood, MBE |
| Mr. D. A. Gamble CC | |

In attendance

Callum Faint, Chief Fire and Rescue Officer
 Paul Weston, Assistant Chief Fire and Rescue Officer
 Judi Beresford, Assistant Chief Fire and Rescue Officer
 Amy Oliver, Treasurer
 Lauren Haslam, Monitoring Officer
 Matthew Urch
 Roger Smith

1. Election of Chairman.

The Democratic Services Officer invited nominations for the position of Chairman.

It was moved by Mr. R. Allen CC and seconded by Councillor A Osman that Mr. N. J. Rushton CC be elected Chairman of the Combined Fire Authority (CFA).

There being no other nominations, the Democratic Services Officer declared Mr. N. J. Rushton CC elected as Chairman of the CFA.

Mr. N. J. Rushton CC – in the Chair

2. Election of Vice Chairman.

It was moved by Mr. N. J. Rushton CC and seconded by Mr. S. Bray CC that Mrs. M. E. Newton CC be elected Vice Chairman of the CFA.

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

There being no other nominations, the Chairman declared Mrs. M. E. Newton CC elected as Vice Chairman of the CFA.

3. Apologies for absence.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor A Byrne.

4. Declarations of Interest.

The Chairman invited members who wished to do so to declare an interest in respect of items on the agenda.

No declarations were made.

5. Urgent Items.

There were no urgent items.

6. Public Participation/ CFA Rules of Procedure Rule 9 - Member Questions.

It was reported that no questions had been received.

7. Minutes.

The minutes of the CFA meeting held on 8 February 2023 were considered.

It was moved by Mr. N. J. Rushton CC and seconded by Mr. S. Bray CC that the minutes of the CFA meeting held on 8 February 2023 be taken as read, confirmed and signed.

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the CFA meeting held on 8 February 2023 be taken as read, confirmed and signed.

8. Minutes - Corporate Governance Committee.

The minutes of the Corporate Governance Committee meeting held on 15 March 2023 were considered.

It was moved by Mr. D. Grimley CC and seconded by Councillor S Barton that the minutes of the Corporate Governance meeting held on 15 March 2023 be noted.

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Corporate Governance meeting held on 15 March 2023 be noted.

9. Exclusion of the Press and Public.

It was moved by Mr Rushton CC and seconded by Mrs Newton CC that under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that it will involve the likely disclosure of exempt information during consideration of the following item of business as defined in the paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Act detailed below:

- Awarding of Contract for the Provision of a new Mobilising System

That in all circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

RESOLVED:

That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that it will involve the likely disclosure of exempt information during consideration of the following item of business as defined in the paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Act detailed below:

- Awarding of Contract for the Provision of a new Mobilising System, as defined in Paragraph 3; and

That, in all circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

10. Awarding of Contract for the Provision of a new Mobilising System.

The CFA considered an exempt report of the Chief Fire and Rescue Officer which provided an update on progress made to address the risks with the current mobilising system and to seek approval to award a new contract. A copy of the report marked 'Agenda Item 11' is filed with these minutes.

It was agreed that a further progress report would be presented to a meeting of the CFA in six months.

The recommendations contained within the report were moved by Mr Allen CC and seconded by Mrs Newton CC. The motion was put and carried unanimously.

RESOLVED:

That:

- a) The work undertaken to address the risks with the current mobilising system be noted;
- b) The use of emergency action between meetings be noted;
- c) The signing of the contract with the new supplier, Motorola Solutions, be approved;
- d) The use of £1.06m of one-off funding be approved;
- e) The awarding of the contract will result in an ongoing revenue budget pressure from 2024/25, of circa £0.5m p.a. and rising to £0.75m p.a. be noted;
- f) The use of the over-establishment reserve towards project staffing and other costs be noted; and

g) A further progress report be presented to a meeting of the CFA in six months.

11.00 - 11.23 am
01 June 2023

CHAIRMAN