

Minutes of a meeting of the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Fire Authority held at County Hall, Glenfield on Wednesday, 18 September 2024.

PRESENT

Councillor S Barton (in the Chair)

Cllr. M. March	Cllr. A. Osman
Ms. Betty Newton CC	Cllr. N. Porter
Cllr. D. Bajaj	Cllr. K. Corby

In attendance

Callum Faint, Chief Fire and Rescue Officer
 Collette Sutton, Head of Corporate Financial Services
 Amy Oliver, Treasurer
 Kamal Adatia, Deputy Monitoring Officer
 Karl Bowden, Service Assurance and Governance
 Gemma Duckworth, Senior Democratic Services Officer

113. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Mr. S. Bray CC, Mr. N. Rushton CC, Mr. K. Ghattoraya CC, Mr. B. Champion CC, Mr. D. Grimley CC, Mr. R. Allen CC, and Councillor S Harvey.

114. Declarations of Interest.

Mrs. M. E. Newton CC declared an 'other registrable' interest in Agenda Item 5 (Training Facility – Service Leadership and Development Centre: Project Update) as the proposed site is currently owned by Leicestershire County Council.

115. Urgent Items.

There were no urgent items.

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

It was reported that no questions had been received.

117. Exclusion of the Press and Public.

It was moved 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:

- Training Facility – Service Leadership and Development Centre: Project Update

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:

- Training Facility – Service Leadership and Development Centre: Project Update

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118. Training Facility - Service Leadership and Development Centre: Project Update.

Mrs. M. E. Newton CC declared an 'other registrable' interest in this item as the proposed site is currently owned by Leicestershire County Council. Mrs Newton CC left the room prior to the start of the item and took no part in the discussion or decision making.

The CFA considered an exempt report of the Chief Fire and Rescue Officer which sought approval to proceed with a planning application and purchase of land at the preferred site at Billesdon, for the construction of a new learning and development facility. A copy of the report marked 'Agenda Item 5' is filed with these minutes.

The recommendations contained within the report were moved and seconded. The motion was put and carried unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Chief Fire and Rescue Officer be authorised to submit a planning application to develop the preferred site, estimated at £70,000;
- (b) That, subject to satisfactory planning permission being granted, the Chief Fire and Rescue Officer be authorised to purchase the land at the preferred site from Leicestershire County Council at a cost of £1.63 million plus £71,000 stamp duty;
- (c) That the Chief Fire and Rescue Officer be authorised to incur any additional incidental one-off expenditure, to a maximum of £250,000, in progressing (a) and (b) above, to be funded from the Estates Strategy Reserve;
- (d) To approve the release of £1.8 million from the Estates Strategy Reserve for planning costs and subsequently purchase of the land upon receiving planning permission;
- (e) Upon receipt of planning permission, the Chief Fire and Rescue Officer be permitted to arrange the necessary contract tender;
- (f) That local engagement activities within the community and parish council area are undertaken by officers to support the planning application;

- (g) That the changes to the proposed design/build in this report and the appendices be noted;
- (h) That it is noted that a stage 2 report will be presented to the CFA in due course detailing estimated costs and funding for the proposed build.

11.00 - 11.55 am
18 September 2024

CHAIRMAN

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