

Minutes of a meeting of the Combined Fire Authority held at County Hall, Glenfield on Tuesday, 30 April 2019.

PRESENT

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

Cllr. K. Bool	Ms. Betty Newton CC
Cllr. E. Halford	Mr T. Parton CC
Mr. D. Harrison CC	Mr J. Poland CC
Mr. J. Kaufman CC	Mrs. M. Wright CC
Mr. W. Liquorish JP CC	

In attendance

Rick Taylor, Chief Fire and Rescue Officer
Lauren Haslam, Solicitor and Monitoring Officer

67. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Councillor Barton, Mr Bentley CC, Mr Charlesworth CC, Councillor Master, Mr Mullaney CC, Cllr Singh Johal, Cllr Thalukdar and Alison Greenhill, the Treasurer.

68. Declarations of interest.

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

No such declarations were made.

69. Urgent items.

There were no urgent items for consideration.

70. Chair's Announcements.

There were no Chairman's announcements.

71. Member Questions.

It was reported that no questions had been received under Procedure Rule 9.

72. Minutes of previous meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Combined Fire Authority held on 6 February 2019 be taken as read, confirmed and signed.

73. Exclusion of the Press and Public.**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 paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A of the Act; and, in all circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information:-

- i) Report of the Employment Panel on the appointment to the post of Assistant Chief Fire and Rescue Officer.

74. Exempt Item - Report of the CFA Employment Panel on the Appointment to the Post of Assistant Chief Fire and Rescue Officer.

The Combined Fire Authority considered a report of the Employment Panel established to consider the appointment of the Assistant Chief Fire and Rescue Officer. The report, presented by Mrs Betty Newton CC, member of the Employment Panel, set out the recommendations for the appointment of the Assistant Chief Fire and Rescue Officer. A copy of the report marked 'Agenda Item 8' is filed with these minutes.

The exempt report was not for publication as it contained information related to the financial or business affairs of an individual.

Members were informed that 8 applications had been received and, following the initial shortlisting exercise and candidate testing at an assessment centre, the Employment Panel had resolved to invite two candidates to interview. This had been a close run process.

Rick Taylor, the Chief Fire and Rescue Officer, informed members that the testing undertaken to reach the interview stage had been thorough and rigorous; members of the Employment Panel were thanked for their diligence in conducting the recruitment process.

It was moved by Mrs Newton CC and seconded by Councillor Bool that:

- a) The appointment of Richard Hall in the permanent vacancy as Assistant Chief Fire and Rescue Officer be approved; and
- b) Candidate 2 be offered any other permanent vacancy at the level of Assistant Chief Fire and Rescue Officer should a permanent vacancy become available within the next 12 month period.

The motion was put and carried unanimously, 10 members voting for the motion and none voting against.

RESOLVED:

That

- a) Mr. Richard Hall be appointed to the role of Assistant Chief Fire and Rescue Officer with effect from 30 April 2019; and
- b) Candidate 2 be offered any other permanent vacancy at the level of Assistant Chief Fire and Rescue Officer should a permanent vacancy become available within the next 12 month period.

75. Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting of the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Fire Authority will be held on 19 June 2019 at 10.00am at Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Services Head Quarters, Birstall.

1.30 - 1.39 pm
30 April 2019

CHAIRMAN