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Minutes of a meeting of the Combined Fire Authority held at County Hall, Glenfield on Friday, 11 May 2018.

PRESENT

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

Mr. P. Bedford CC	Cllr. K. Master
Cllr. K. Bool	Ms. Betty Newton CC
Mr. M. H. Charlesworth CC	Mrs. P. Posnett MBE CC
Cllr. M. Chohan	B. Seaton CC
Mr. D. Harrison CC	Sir. P. Soulsby
Mr. J. Kaufman CC	Cllr. A. Thalukdar
Mr. W. Liquorish JP CC	Mr. M. B. Wyatt CC

In attendance

Lauren Haslam	Monitoring Officer
Alison Greenhill	Treasurer
Mr. R. Taylor	Chief Fire and Rescue Officer
Anna Poole	Democratic Services Officer

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Mr. S. Bray CC, Mr. J. Poland CC and Cllr. K. Singh Johal.

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

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.

3. To advise of any other items which the Chair has decided to take as urgent.

There were no urgent items for consideration.

4. Chair's Announcements.

The Chairman informed the CFA of the following matters:

- i) The Home Office had recently approved business cases for Police and Crime Commissioners to take over responsibility for Fire and Rescue Services in Staffordshire, Cambridgeshire and West Mercia. These were added to those already agreed in Essex and Northamptonshire;

- ii) The Chief Fire and Rescue Officer had attended the Cathedral on behalf of the CFA for the funerals of the Ragobeer family (Mary, Shaun and Shane) who were the victims of the Hinckley Road explosion. The funerals were covered by the national news and were attended by more than 500 guests; and
- iii) Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service was invited to attend the Fire Department Instructor Conference in Indianapolis USA on 21 – 27 April. The event hosts paid for Watch Manager Paul Speight to attend to promote their lead role and national work carried out on virtual reality technology to over 5000 attendees. The Chairman informed Members that he was pleased that LFRS continued to lead the UK in this field.

Finally, the Chairman informed Members that Anna Poole would take over the post of Committee Support Officer to the CFA.

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

The Chairman reported that no questions had been received under Procedure Rule 9.

6. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Combined Fire Authority held on 7 February 2018 as a correct record.

The Treasurer reported that the council tax rise proposed in Minute 8 (p) of the minutes dated 7 February 2018 did not breach the permitted level of increase and, as such, a tax referendum had not been necessary.

RESOLVED:

The minutes of the meeting of the Combined Fire Authority held on 7 February 2018 were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

7. To consider the minutes of the Corporate Governance Committee meeting held on 14 March 2018.

RESOLVED

The minutes of the Corporate Governance Committee held on 24 January 2018 were NOTED.

8. Exclusion of the 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 Chief Fire and Rescue Officer.

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

The Combined Fire Authority considered a report of the Monitoring Officer concerning the recommendations of the Employment Panel established to consider the appointment of the Chief Fire and Rescue Officer. A copy of the report marked 'Agenda Item 9' 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 complimented Mr Richard Taylor on his performance in the role as Interim Chief Fire and Rescue Officer and supported, unanimously, his substantive appointment to the role.

RESOLVED:

That Mr. Richard Taylor be appointed to the role of Chief Fire and Rescue Officer with effect from 11 May 2018.

10. Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting of the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Fire Authority will be held on Wednesday 20 June 2018 at 10.00am at the Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Birstall.

2.00 - 2.15 pm
11 May 2018

CHAIRMAN