

# LEICESTERSHIRE

## FIRE and RESCUE SERVICE

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**Minutes of a meeting of the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Fire Authority, held at the Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2015.**

### **PRESENT**

Cllr D Bajaj	Mr G Hart CC
Cllr S Barton	Mr A Kershaw CC
Cllr K Bool	Ms B Newton CC
Mr S Bray CC	Mr O O'Shea CC
Cllr A Byrne	Mrs C Radford CC
Mr M Charlesworth CC	Mr N Rushton CC (Chair)
Cllr S Corrall	Sir P Soulsby (Vice Chair)
Mr J Coxon CC	Mr M Wyatt CC
Mrs J Fox CC	

### **OFFICERS**

Mr R Chandler	Chief Fire and Rescue Officer
Mr S Lunn	Director of Community Services
Mr T Peel	Treasurer and Director of Finance and Corporate Services
Mr A James	Deputy Monitoring Officer
Mrs J Green	Member Services Co-ordinator

#### **1. Election of Chair**

The Deputy Monitoring Officer invited nominations for the position of Chairman.

It was moved by Sir Peter Soulsby and seconded by Mr J Coxon CC that Mr N Rushton CC be elected Chairman of the Combined Fire Authority (CFA).

There being no other nominations, the Deputy Monitoring Officer declared Mr N Rushton CC elected as Chairman of the CFA.

Mr N Rushton CC – in the Chair

#### **2. Election of Vice Chair**

It was moved by Mr N Rushton CC and seconded by Ms B Newton CC that Sir Peter Soulsby be elected Vice Chairman of the CFA.

There being no other nominations, the Chairman declared Sir Peter Soulsby elected as Vice Chairman of the CFA.

**3. Apologies for absence**

None.

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

None.

**5. Urgent Business**

None.

**6. Public Participation**

None.

**7. Chair's announcements**

The Chairman formally asked that an updated Medium Term Financial Strategy report be presented to the July meeting.

**8. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Combined Fire Authority held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2015 as a correct record.**

**RESOLVED:**

The Combined Fire Authority (CFA) confirmed the Minutes of the Meeting of the CFA on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2015 as a correct record.

**9. CFA Rules of Procedure Rule 9 – Member Questions**

None

**10. Changes to the Constitution (verbal report)**

The Chairman moved that the Chief Fire and Rescue Officer (CFO), in consultation with the three constituent authorities, be asked to review the constitution and current governance structure of the Combined Fire Authority (CFA) with a view to proposals being submitted to the next meeting on a model which would streamline the decision making process, allow the CFA to focus on the strategic direction of the Service, and enable the CFO to respond quickly and effectively to the changing needs and demands of the Service.

The motion was seconded by Sir Peter Soulsby.

**RESOLVED:**

The motion was unanimously carried.

**11. Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2014/15**

The Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2014/15 was presented to the CFA.

**RESOLVED:**

The report was noted.

**12. Appointment of a Temporary Deputy Chief Fire and Rescue Officer**

The Chairman invited the Fire Brigades Union (FBU) representative to address the CFA followed by a response from the CFO.

The FBU wished to reiterate that they continue to disagree with the appointment of this temporary post. The CFO responded that this was a necessary interim appointment.

The Chairman moved the recommendation to agree to the temporary promotion of the ACFO/Director of Community Services to the vacant post of DCFO with effect from 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015 until 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016. This was seconded by Sir Peter Soulsby.

Mr M Charlesworth CC moved an amendment to defer a decision to allow time for further details, specifically around the financial implications to be given consideration. This was seconded by Mr S Bray CC.

A vote was taken with 3 In Favour, 14 Against. The amendment was lost.

The Chairman moved the original motion. A vote was taken. The result being 14 In favour, 3 Against. The motion was carried.

**RESOLVED:**

The CFA agreed to the recommendation as set out in the report.

**13. Date of Next Meeting**

This was confirmed as Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

**3<sup>rd</sup> June 2015  
14:00 – 14:07**

**CHAIR**