



BEDFORDSHIRE AND LUTON COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY

REPORT OF THE BEDFORDSHIRE AND LUTON COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY FROM ITS MEETING ON 8 JUNE 2011 TO CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

MEETINGS

Bedfordshire and Luton Combined Fire Authority (CFA) held its annual meeting on 8 June 2011 at Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters. The major issues discussed at the meeting are summarised below:

1. MEMBERSHIP

Councillors C Atkins, N Ayub, R Davies, R Drinkwater, M Headley, D McVicar, J Mingay, Dr R Saleem, J Saunders, A Shadbolt, S Timoney and P Williams.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillor S Timoney was duly elected as Chair of the Fire Authority for 2011/12.

3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Councillor D McVicar was duly elected as Vice Chair of the Fire Authority for 2011/12.

4. AUTHORISATION OF MEMBERS TO REPORT TO THE CONSTITUENT AUTHORITIES ON MEETINGS OF THE FIRE AUTHORITY

Councillors C Atkins, D McVicar and S Timoney were authorised to report to their Constituent Authorities (Bedford Borough Council, Central Bedfordshire Council and Luton Borough Council respectively) on the meetings of the Fire Authority in 2011/12.

5. REPRESENTATION ON COMMITTEES, ETC.

Member representation on the Standards Committee, Audit Committee, Policy and Challenge Groups, Corporate Equality Group and Local Strategic Partnerships was agreed for 2011/12.

6. DECISION MAKING BETWEEN MEETINGS, BRIEFINGS, ETC.

The Chair, Vice Chair and the Policy and Challenge Group Chairs (Councillors C Atkins, R Davies and M Headley) were authorised for the purposes of decision making between meetings, involvement in briefings, Selection Panels and other related matters in 2011/12.

7. DRAFT COMMUNITY RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN 2011/15

Members approved a Draft Community Risk Management Plan for 2011/15 for consultation.

8. TREASURY MANAGEMENT – ANNUAL REPORT 2010/11

Members received the 2010/11 Annual Report for Treasury Management, noting borrowing and investments, interest rate movements, Prudential Indicators and performance measurement.

9. FINANCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT UPDATE REPORT

Members received a report on progress of the 2010/11 year end closure of accounts, including the management accounts budget outturn figure.

The 2010/11 Statement of Accounts would be presented to the Audit Committee on 30 June 2011, prior to external audit by the Audit Commission. Following external audit, the Audit Committee would receive an update on 27 September 2011. The Annual Governance Statement would also be presented at these meetings.

In addition, the Fire Authority declared a narrow strip of land adjacent Biggleswade Fire Station surplus to requirements to be disposed of on terms to be agreed by the Chief Fire Officer.

10. REVENUE BUDGET AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Members agreed a strategy and timetable for the production of the 2012/13 Revenue Budget and Capital Programme.

11. INFORMATION BULLETIN

Members received a Bulletin containing information on various matters relating to the Fire and Rescue Service.

**COUNCILLOR DAVID McVICAR
EXECUTIVE MEMBER OF THE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY**