

At the Meeting of the **Combined Fire Authority for County Durham and Darlington** held at Darlington Community Fire Station, St Cuthberts Way, Darlington, DL1 5LN **Monday 24 September 2018** at **10.00 am**.

Present:

Durham County Councillors:

Councillors B Avery, A Batey, D Bell, J Bell, C Carr, A Gardner, J Grant (substitute for P Brookes), D Hicks, P Howell, A Laing, L Marshall, H Nicholson, C Potts, G Richardson, J Robinson, M Simmons, W Stelling, F Tinsley and J Turnbull.

Darlington Borough Councillors:

Councillors S Harker, C Johnson, B Jones and S Richmond.

Independent Standards Members: -

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Brookes, A Laing, J Shuttleworth, D Stoker.

The Chair welcomed S Harker, who had been re-elected onto the CFA and congratulated him on his appointment as Leader of Darlington Borough Council.

The Chair noted that on Saturday 13 October Assistant Chief Fire Officer – Service Delivery and himself would be representing the CFA and Service at FBU Centenary Event in London and that the FBU and the Service had unveiled a Red Plaque at Peterlee Fire Station on 5 September to commemorate the two firefighters, John Donley and Tony Hall, who gave their lives in the line of duty on 5 September 1982.

A1 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

A2 Minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair (for copy see file of minutes).

A3 Current Correspondence

The Authority received an update from the Assistant Chief Fire Officer – Service Support in relation to current correspondence received from government and other bodies relevant to the Authority and the status of each (for copy see file of minutes).

A4 Notes of the Audit and Risk Committee

The Authority considered a report of the Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee, which provided an update on the discussions at the meeting held on 26 July 2018 (for copy see file of minutes).

J Turnbull thanked the Treasurer and finance staff for all their hard work in preparing the statement of accounts.

A5 Notes of the Performance Committee

The Authority considered a report of the Chair of the Performance Committee, which provided an update on the discussions of the meeting held on 11 September 2018 (for copy see file of minutes).

C Carr noted that the Performance Committee recommended the implementation of the new format performance report.

Resolved:

That the new format of the performance report be implemented.

A6 Joint Emergency Services Interoperability Principles (JESIP) Update

The Authority considered a report of The Assistant Chief Fire Officer – Service Delivery which provided members with an update on the Service's approach to the introduction, adoption and embedding of the Joint Emergency Services Interoperability Principles (JESIP) (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the report was noted and further updates would be received when appropriate.

A7 Staffing Update

The Authority considered a report of the Head of Workforce Development which informed members of the strategies for maintaining operational ridership in the short to medium term (for copy see file of minutes).

The Chair thanked the Head of Workforce Development for the excellent presentation that was given at the LGA Conference on the Service's apprenticeship scheme.

Resolved:

That the contents of the report be noted.

A8 Performance Report Quarter One 2018/19

The Authority considered a report of the Area Manager Community Risk Management which presented a summary of organisational performance at the end of quarter one 2018/19 (for copy see file of minutes).

C Carr thanked Area Manager Community Risk Management for his work on the new performance report format.

Resolved:

- (i) That the report be noted.
- (ii) Agree that the new reporting format be approved

A9 Cultural Survey

The Authority received an update from the Head of Workforce Development which informed members of the findings of the second cultural survey conducted by Durham University Business School (DUBS) in April 2018 (for copy see file of minutes).

The Chair noted that organisational culture was a strong focus for HMICFRS during their inspection process and how the service was addressing the area was positive.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

A10 Apprentice Update Presentation

The Authority considered a presentation on the apprentices first weeks.

A11 Any other Business

There was no other business.

A12 Exclusion of the public

That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the said Act.

B13 Marauding Terrorist Firearms Attack (MTFA) Capability Update

The Authority Received a report from the Assistant Chief Fire Officer – Service Delivery which provided members with an update on the National Resilience (NR) capability known as Marauding Terrorist Firearms Attack (MTFA) (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

B14 Update of the Fire Brigade Union's Pay Claim

The Authority received an update from the Chief Fire Officer which informed members to the latest position in relation to the Fire Brigade Union's (FBU) pay claim and the potential impact on the Authority (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

- (i) That the report be noted.
- (ii) Agree to receive further updates on this issue as more information becomes available.

B15 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

CLOSE OF MEETING