

WEST YORKSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1 AUGUST 2011 AT FIRE SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, BIRKENSHAW,

Present: Councillors D Ridgway (in the Chair), T Austin, V Binney, P Harrand, M Khan and A McKenna

1 MINUTES

That the Minutes of a meeting held on 25 June 2010 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

2 URGENT ITEMS

None.

3 ADMISSION OF THE PUBLIC

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the item of business specified below as it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public and press were present during this item, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information of the descriptions specified.

AGENDA ITEM NO.	TITLE OF REPORT	MINUTE NUMBER	Description of exempt information by reference to the paragraph number in Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972
E6	Proposed Fixed Term Renewal of Senior Officer Contract of Employment	6	Paragraphs 1 and 2 - information relating to and identifying an individual

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in any matter under consideration at the meeting.

5 ASSOCIATION OF METROPOLITAN FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITIES (AMFRA) – RESPONSE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT SPENDING REVIEW

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive which advised members of the work carried out by the Association of Metropolitan Fire and Rescue Authorities (AMFRA) in support of a joint lobbying strategy in response to the Local Government Spending Review.

A copy of the submission was attached as an annex to the report now submitted which outlined the strategic importance of the metropolitan services in providing national resilience as well as their role in protecting local communities and businesses from emergencies and fires. The proposed cuts under the Local Government Spending review would substantially damage the ability of the metropolitan brigades to continue to provide their current role.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the Association of Metropolitan Fire and Rescue Authorities' (AMFRA) submission document and supporting material be endorsed and proposed lobbying strategy be approved;
- (ii) That, in accordance with (i) above, a letter be circulated to all West Yorkshire M.P.'s enclosing the submission document as approved;
- (iii) That any responses to the letter detailed at (ii) be collated by AMFRA in time for its October 2011 meeting; and
- (iv) That the Chair of this Authority, Chief Fire Officer and Chief Finance Officer be nominated as spokespersons for West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority to attend follow-up briefings as required.

6 PROPOSED FIXED TERM RENEWAL OF SENIOR OFFICER CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT

(This item was considered as exempt information under Schedule 12 A (1 and 2) of the Local Government Act 1972 – information relating to and identifying an individual)

The Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive submitted a report which presented a business case for the re-engagement of a specified member of staff under the terms of the Flexible Retirement Policy.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the specified member of staff be re-engaged on a 24-month fixed term contract on the terms and conditions set out in the Flexible Retirement Policy;
- (ii) That the re-engagement detailed at (i) above be made on the basis that full savings, as identified in paragraph 4.2 of the report, would be made;

and

- (iii) That, following a discussion of the potential implications of a member of staff not being in the pension scheme in the event of a serious accident at work, it was confirmed and noted that the Authority carried personal accident insurance.

Chair