

WEST YORKSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY 10 JULY 2009 AT 9.15 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, OAKROYD HALL, FIRE SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, BIRKENSHAW

AGENDA

1. Minutes of meeting held on 11 May 2009 (p 1)

2. Urgent items

3. Admission of the Public :

The Committee is asked to consider whether, by resolution, to exclude the public from the meeting during the items of business marked with an 'E' reference, because of the possibility of the disclosure of exempt information.

4. Declarations of interest

To consider any Declaration of Interest in relation to any item of business on the agenda.

5. IRMP 2009 – 2012 – progress (p 5)

6. Fire cover in Normanton – consultation (p 30)

7. Fire Service College – Member attendance (p 41)

E8. Normanton Fire Station – purchase of site (p 45)

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10 JULY 2009 AT FIRE SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, BIRKENSHAW,

Present: Councillors D Ridgway (in the Chair), P Booth, M Coulson, T Hardwick (as substitute for Councillor M Khan), P Harrand and A McKenna

Apologies: Councillor M Khan

1 MINUTES

That the Minutes of a meeting held on 11 May 2009 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

2 URGENT ITEMS

None.

3 ADMISSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting during 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 (to be added)	Description of exempt information by reference to the paragraph number in Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972
E8	Normanton Fire Station – purchase of site	8	Paragraph 3 – financial or business affairs

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

5 INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN (IRMP) 2009 – 2012 – PROGRESS

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Operations which advised of the progress to date on the five review streams incorporated in the 2009 – 2012 Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) as follows;

- Retained duty system – expectations and role
- Emergency response provision
- Specialist appliances
- Managerial and command capacity
- Duty systems

An extract of the Community Risk register was circulated to Members at the meeting which had been produced for the purpose of the production of a gap analysis with regard to the provision of specialist appliances, skills and equipment.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the progress made on the five review streams contained within the 2009 – 2012 Integrated Risk Management Plan be noted; and
- (ii) That approval be given to the commencement of formal consultation with key stakeholders in relation to the review of special appliances and specialist rescue services.

6 FIRE COVER IN NORMANTON – CONSULTATION

The Director of Operations submitted a report which sought approval for the commencement of formal limited consultation on the changes proposed at Normanton and associated changes to the duty system.

It was reported that the proposed changes at Normanton formed part of the Five Towns Area review of Wakefield as part of the Integrated Risk Management Plan process and had been drafted with reference to,

- new sites for Pontefract, Castleford and at Normanton
- fire cover based on anticipated development in the area, and
- risk profile

Members were advised that the identification of peak periods of activity and risk would allow the opportunity to introduce flexible fire cover and it was proposed that

consultation be commenced on the revised proposals for the area including,

- provision of cover at existing site
- provision of cover to reflect peak periods of activity
- Retained Duty System to change to Whole-time Peak Activity Crewing
- Location of an additional appliance at Normanton as a strategic reserve

RESOLVED

- (i) That formal limited consultation be commenced on the changes proposed at Normanton; and
- (ii) That authorisation be given to the commencement of formal negotiations with the Fire Brigades Union on proposed changes to the Duty System.

7 FIRE SERVICE COLLEGE – MEMBER ATTENDANCE

Members considered a report of the Director of Corporate Resources which invited consideration of Member attendance at a Fire and Rescue Service College Member workshop on 10 – 11 August.

Whilst targeted at new Members of a Fire Authority, it was considered that the workshop programme would be of benefit to any Fire Authority Member.

The cost of attendance at the workshop would be £385 per Member and these costs, together with travel costs, would be included within revenue budgetary provision.

RESOLVED

That approval be given to Member attendance at the Fire and Rescue Service College workshop on 10 – 11 August 2009 on the basis of one Member from each political Group.

8 NORMANTON FIRE STATION – PURCHASE OF SITE

(This item was considered as exempt information under Schedule 12A(3) of the Local Government Act 1972 –financial or business affairs).

The Director of Corporate Resources submitted a report which advised Members of the revised proposals and associated site purchase for Normanton Fire Station.

Following the outcome and re-assessment of the Five Towns review as part of the Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) process, it had been agreed that Normanton would be best served by a Fire station located adjacent to the existing site.

Members were advised of the likely purchase costs of the site on Princess Street and which would be provided for within the £11m in the approved capital plan for the North Wakefield IRMP (Five towns) scheme.

It was reported that the precise shape, size and usage of the proposed and existing Normanton Fire Station sites would be subject to agreement although Wakefield MDC had already confirmed the redundancy of the allotments to the rear of the site.

RESOLVED

- (i) That approval be given to the purchase of land at Princess Drive in the sum detailed in the report now submitted; and
- (ii) That the requirement for the submission of a detailed planning application for the land on Princess Street be noted.

Chair