

WEST YORKSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13 JUNE 2012 AT FIRE SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, BIRKENSHAW,

Present: Councillors M Khan (Vice Chair), T Austin, A McKenna and P Harrand

Apologies: V Binney

31 MINUTES

That the Minutes of a meeting held on 30 May 2012 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

32 URGENT ITEMS

None

33 ADMISSION OF THE PUBLIC

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the items 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 these items, 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	Control Collaboration Update		Paragraph 3 – financial or business affairs
E7	Marsden Fire Station Disposal		Paragraph 3 – financial or business affairs

34 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

35 RESOURCE EQUALISATION

The Committee considered a report from the Chief Finance Officer along with supplementary verbal comments and concerning the proposed submission of a letter

to the Fire Minister on the issue of the resource equalisation element of the revenue support grant formula.

RESOLVED

That approval be given to the submission of representations to the Fire Minister in the form of a letter drafted by the Chair and appended to the Report.

36 CONTROL COLLABORATION SCHEME

The Committee received a verbal update from the Chief Finance Officer together with the Deputy Chief Fire Officer relating to the resolution of certain financial issues concerning the allocation of the Government grant.

Scheme overspend

In the event that the overall cost exceeds the total grant approval then the additional expenditure will be allocated as follows:-

Based on the breakdown of expenditure, if the total value of spend to either Authority is less than £1.8m the other Authority will meet the additional cost up to the gap between that expenditure and £1.8m. Any additional expenditure over and above this limit will be shared equally by the two Authorities.

RESOLVED

That the proposed resolution of outstanding issues be noted and officers be authorised to conclude the contractual agreement with South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority (SYFRA) on the basis indicated.

37 PRINCIPAL COMMAND TEAM – SUCCESSION PLANNING

The Committee considered a detailed report from the Chief Executive/ Chief Fire Officer setting out options for future succession planning and possible revisions of the principal officer uniformed service command structure which also affected the future structure of the management board. The Chief Executive / Chief Fire Officer expressed his preference for adoption of Option 1 (as detailed in the report) which would in due course potentially reduce the overall number of Principal Officers. It was noted that there would be a lengthy “trial period” which would enable a robust operating assessment to be made of the practical feasibility of the proposals which would also require approval from the full Authority in due course as such matters are “reserved matters”.

RESOLVED

That the Committee records its preference for the proposals set out in Option 1 of the Report.