



Minutes

Executive Committee

Date: 06 June 2016

Time: 1.30 pm

Venue: Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Birkenshaw

Present: Councillors T Austin (in the chair). R Grahame (as substitute for Councillor Smith), Harrand, Tait (as substitute for Councillor Hughes) and Townsley

In Attendance: None

Apologies: Councillors J Hughes and B Smith

58 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of a meeting held on 8 April 2016 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

59 Urgent items

None.

60 Admission of the public

RESOLVED

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 business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during these items that 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(s) in Schedule 12(A) of the Local Government Act 1972
E7	Review of Lease Car benchmarks	63	Paragraph 4 – relating to consultations, negotiations and labour relations
E8	Former Haworth Fire Station - update	65	Paragraph 3 - financial or business affairs

61 Declarations of interest

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest were made in any matter under consideration at the meeting.

62 Appointment of Scheme Member representative to the Local Pension Board 2016 – 17

Members received a report of the Chief Legal and Governance Officer which sought confirmation of the appointment of Mr Stuart Wilson and Mr Paul Drinkwater as Scheme Member representatives on the Local Pension Board for 2016 – 17.

In accordance with the Local Pension Board Terms of Reference, the positions had been advertised and two applications had been received. Members were advised that, in this instance, both applicants had served on the Board in 2015 – 16.

RESOLVED

That Mr Stuart Wilson and Mr Paul Drinkwater be confirmed as Scheme Member representatives on the Local Pension Board for the municipal year 2016 – 17.

63 Review of Lease Car Benchmarks

(This item was considered as exempt information under Schedule 12A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 – consultations, negotiations and labour relations)

The Chief Finance Officer and Chief Employment Services Officer submitted a joint report which sought approval for revised leased car benchmark levels.

Following the previous review in 2010, it was reported that a further review had been undertaken in accordance with the relevant policy and a reduction of 10% in the benchmark level was proposed. Members were advised that the proposal has also been the subject of consultation with representatives of the Fire Officers' Association (FOA) and Fire Brigades Union (FBU) and details of the FOA response and meeting notes from 11 May 2016 were included as an annex to the report now submitted.

It was unanimously,

RESOLVED

- a) That the leased car benchmarks be reduced by 10% as detailed in Annex 1 to the report now submitted; and
- b) That the Chief Finance and Procurement Officer undertake an annual review of the leased car benchmarks.

64 Emergency Services Mobile Communications Programme (ESMCP) Regional Team

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Service Support which updated Members on the latest position with regard to the Emergency Services Mobile Communications Programme (ESMCP) Regional Resource Plan.

It was reported that the region had received a Government grant of £1.496m to fund the establishment of the Transition Team comprising the following positions;

- Programme Manager
- Administrative support
- Regional coordinator (in post since mid-2015)
- Project support officer
- Technical Adviser
- Procurement Lead

The funding would be distributed across the region in accordance with the formula detailed in the Regional Resource Plan attached as an annex to the report now submitted and the costings had been calculated on a 3.5 year duration to accommodate any necessary slippage in the ambitious programme.

In response to Members' queries regarding the adequacy of the funding, the Committee was advised that Government had offered reassurance that the Programme would reduce costs to individual fire authorities but, should this not be the case, officers anticipated that any excess would be picked up by Government itself as it was a national, Emergency Services scheme.

RESOLVED

- a) That the receipt of the £1.496m Government grant for the establishment of the Yorkshire and Humberside regional Transition Team in relation to the Emergency Services Mobile Communications Programme (ESMCP) be noted; and
- b) That the ESMCP Yorkshire and Humberside Regional Resource Plan be approved as detailed in the annex attached to the report now submitted.

65 Former Haworth Fire Station – update

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

The Deputy Chief Fire Officer and Director of Service Delivery submitted a report which updated Members on the most recent developments in respect of the planned disposal of the former Haworth Fire Station site and, specifically, with relation to the following;

- Site valuations
- Bid for purchase from the Friends of Haworth and Worth Valley Fire Station group, and

- Legal issues linked to the declaration of the site as an Asset of Community Value by Bradford MDC

RESOLVED

- a) That the purchase bid in a specified amount submitted by the Friends of Haworth and Worth Valley Fire Station community group (FHWVFS) on 4 April 2016 be declined;
- b) That any private sale off the open market be at the full market value as advised by the West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority's (FRA) independent valuers at the top point of any indicated range;
- c) That FHWVFS be given a further period of 1 month from the supply of a draft contract by the FRA, if the Asset of Community Value (ACV) listing is revoked, to exchange contracts in accordance with FRA requirements including the requirement that they first form a charitable body / community interest company prior to any purchase; and
- d) That, if the ACV listing is not revoked or the FHWVFS fail to exchange contracts as required, then the property is to be sold on the open market to the highest / best value compliant bidder as soon as practicable following the extended period or the expiry of any moratorium on disposal.

Chair