



# Minutes

## Executive Committee

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Date: 20 July 2023

Time: 12:00

Venue: FSHQ

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Present: Cllr O'Donovan (in the chair), Cllrs Pollard (as substitute for Cllr Hall), Renshaw, Sutcliffe (as substitute for Cllr Downes), Tulley, and Wood (as substitute for Cllr Shaheen)

In Attendance:

Apologies: Cllrs Downes, Hall and Shaheen

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### 1 Minutes of the last meeting held on 15 June 2022

#### RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the last meeting held on 15 June 2022 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

### 2 Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

### 3 Urgent items

There were no urgent items.

### 4 Admission of the public

#### RESOLVED

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

<b>AGENDA ITEM NO.</b>	<b>TITLE OF REPORT</b>	<b>MINUTE NUMBER (to be added)</b>	<b>Description of exempt information by reference to the paragraph number in Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972</b>
E7	Efficiency Options Post 2023	7	Paragraph 3 – Financial and Business Affairs
E8	Principal Officers Leave	8	Paragraph 3 – Financial and Business Affairs
E9	HQ Rebuild	9	Paragraph 3 – Financial and Business Affairs

## 5 Declarations of interest

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

## 6 Tri Service Collaboration Update

Members considered a report of the Director of Service Support giving an update on the progress of current tri-service collaboration workstreams, which include Demand and Risk Reduction, Benchmarking and Multi Agency Incident Transfer System. Three options to redress the limited progress made recently were considered and option 2 was felt to be the most beneficial at this stage:

- **Option Two** – Focus on collating collaboration examples that exist through day to day operations between tri services. Continue with mid-range collaboration in terms of achievable and low risk workstreams. The larger workstreams will be progressed only if there is tri-service appetite matched with allocation of designated resources and business need.

Members were given the details of the background of the Tri Service Collaboration Group and it was noted that whilst collaboration at an operational level is highly successful, opportunities for non-operational collaboration were limited due to challenges across all three emergency services, including the high turnover of staff, the pandemic, financial constraints and the threat of possible industrial action.

### RESOLVED

- a) That the report be noted and that
- b) Option 2 is adopted.

## **7 Efficiency Options Post 2023**

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

The Director of Service Support presented a paper detailing the efficiency options available to WYFRS should they be required to make further financial savings post 2023, taking into cognisance the Community Risk Management Plan, Medium-Term Financial Plan and Workforce Plan.

Members were assured that the purpose of the report was to bring to members attention the options open to the Authority pending the outcome of the spending review and that if it is identified that efficiencies are required, further work would be completed to investigate these options and prepare business plans to be brought to the Authority for approval.

Members expressed concern that further cuts to the Service would have an impact on staff health and wellbeing and result in a reduced service.

### **RESOLVED**

That the report be noted

## **8 Principal Officers Leave**

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

The Chief Employment Services Officer presented a report to request Members to approve an amendment to the leave allocation for Principal Officers working the Continuous Duty System, to bring them in line with the Area Managers who are also working the same system.

### **RESOLVED**

That the change to the Principal Officers Leave entitlement be approved with effect from the 2023 leave year.

## **9 Fire Services Headquarters Redevelopment**

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

The Director of Service Delivery gave an update on the redevelopment of FSHQ and gave details of the estimated projected overspend on the contingency budget. Members were advised that once detailed quotes had been received these would be brought to the next meeting of the Finance and Resources Committee.

### **RESOLVED**

That the update be noted.

Chair