



Minutes

Full Authority

Date: 12 December 2025

Time: 10:30

Venue: FSHQ

Present:

Cllr O'Donovan (in the Chair), Cllrs Ahmed, Anwar, Buckley, Burke, Carlisle, Dickenson, Downes, Garvani, Hall, Keith, Parnham, Pollard, Renshaw, Salam, Shaheen, Sutcliffe, Tudor, Tulley and Wood

In Attendance:

Apologies:

Cllrs Bryan and Bruce

13. Chair's announcements

The Chair expressed their thanks to everyone who organised the recent Fire Services Head Quarters (FSHQ) opening event, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended.

The Deputy Chief Fire Officer informed Members of the nominations and successes at The Excellence in Fire and Emergency Awards 2025 where the West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (WYFRS) Firefighter Decontamination Team won the prize for Excellence in Contaminants and Decontamination.

The Deputy Chief Fire Officer informed Members of a letter received from West Yorkshire Trading Standards expressing their thanks for the work done by WYFRS during the Bonfire Period 2025 and welcoming the positive multi agency approach

14. Admission of the public

There were no items that required to exclusion of the press and public.

15. Urgent items

There were no urgent items.

16. Declarations of interest

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

17. Minutes of meeting held on 26 September 2025

Resolved

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2025 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

18. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

19. Minutes of Committees held since 26 September 2025 and of other relevant Outside Bodies

Resolved

That the Minutes of Committees and other relevant outside bodies as circulated be received.

20. Bonfire Review 2025

Members received a report from the Deputy Chief Fire Officer informing Members of the events leading up to and throughout the bonfire period 2025.

Members thanked the report author for the in-depth detailed report and for all the excellent work that has taken place over the bonfire period.

Members discussed the duration of the firework/bonfire period and notably high decibel levels which severely effect people, pets, farm animals and wildlife and were pleased to learn about the work ongoing on a national front with the British Fireworks Association (BFA) and the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC).

Members noted that the excellent multi agency collaboration work done by the Service within our communities was vital in reducing anti-social behaviour and was reflected in the reduction in attacks on WYFRS Firefighters. The work of the Youth Intervention Team (YIT) was recognised as having a positive impact and the proposed introduction of body worn cameras early in the new year, alongside the CCTV on the new appliances, will mean better evidence is available, which will in turn lead to an increase in successful convictions.

Members noted the use of the vital fire cars and were pleased to note the number of appliance call outs that had been avoided due to their deployment.

Members were interested to learn about the process to issue and revoke licences to store and sell fireworks under the Explosive Regulations 2014, the increased impact of the new online application system and the process for disposal of seized fireworks, which unfortunately cannot be re-used or donated to community events due to the impossibility of guaranteeing their condition.

Resolved

That the report be noted

21.UK International Search and Rescue Team

Members received a report from the Director of Service Delivery updating Members on the work of the UK International Search and Rescue Team.

Members challenged the report author on the enforced use of leave by volunteers attending training and incidents and were assured that WYFRS would be flexible to ensure there is no detriment to our Firefighters. Members further challenged the report author regarding any operational benefits from the costs incurred by participating in the scheme and any impact on local operational resilience.

Members were informed that a business case would be brought to Full Authority before the scheme goes live and Members requested that a debrief report is also brought following deployment of any members of staff.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

22.Safe and Well Delivery Update

Members considered a report of the Director of Service Delivery informing Members of the changes made to the Safe and Well delivery scheme since the His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) 2024 inspection.

Members welcomed the report and were pleased to feedback excellent experience from personal involvement.

Members discussed the ongoing need for proactive Safe and Well visits, the well established relationships between WYFRS, West Yorkshire Police (WYP) and domestic violence charities and possible unavoidable delays in multi agency visits due to staff availability.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

23. Programme of Change

Members received a report from the Director of Corporate Services which presented an update on the programme of change

Members discussed the Supporting Good Attendance project, which is behind schedule due to the emerging complexities of the data set caused by the number of systems currently in use and the requirement to comply with the national FRS picture.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

24. Performance Management Report

Members received a report from the Deputy Chief Fire Officer which summarised the Authority's performance against key performance indicators for the period 1 April to 30 November 2025.

Members thanked the report author for a well presented report, noted the significant effects the weather has on statistics, and welcomed the improvements shown in the figures. Members challenged the report author on the frequency of solar panel fires, which is low, and were informed of the new technology available to deal with this type of fire. Members noted that the number of nondomestic building fires was slightly up but were pleased to be informed that there is no significant trend emerging, but that this will be monitored in the usual way. Members were pleased to note that the new command and control system has introduced significant benefits including heat maps and dynamic information.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

Chair