West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority

Minutes

Executive Committee

Date: 16 October 2026

Time: 12:00

Venue: FSHQ

Present:

Cllr Downes (in the Chair), Cllrs Booth, Davies, Garvani, Parnham and Rontree (as sub for Cllr Fazal)

Apologies:

Cllr Fazal

7. Minutes of the last meeting held on 13 July 2026

Resolved
That the Minutes of the last meeting held on 13 July 2026 be signed by the Chair as a correct record

8. Matters arising

There were no matters arising

9. Urgent Items

There were no urgent items

10. Admission of the Public

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
E6	Firework Storage Licence 85908	12	Paragraph 6 – Information which reveals that the authority proposes— (a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person: or (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.

11. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest in relation to any item of business on the agenda.

12. Firework Storage Licence 85908

(This item was considered exempt information under Paragraph 6 of Schedule 12A (1) of the Local Government Act 1972)

Members received a presentation from the Senior Fire Protection Manager showing the dangers of incorrect storage of fireworks and explaining the legislation relating to the storage, sale and use of fireworks.

Members considered a report of the Director of Service Delivery providing Members with evidence to enable them to determine whether an explosives storage licence should be revoked.

Members recognised the benefits of the use of social media in gathering evidence and requested confirmation that social media will continue to be used in future investigations. Members were shown a number of videos demonstrating the use of fireworks in public spaces taken from the social media account of Top Shotter and provided with stills taken from the videos which confirmed the locations of the fireworks being launched. Members further discussed the evidence that confirmed the videos showed the licence holder acting irresponsibly with hand held fireworks.

Members sought confirmation that Top Shotter had been approached to discuss the evidence.

Whilst noting that the wider implications of revoking the licence under consideration, would not influence their decision, Members discussed the effect of revoking the

licence and were informed that WYFRS will not approve another licence to a new owner in the same premises, although there is still a potential for the property to continue the sale of fireworks as the licence is granted to the person not the premises.

Members were advised that the licence holder should be given sufficient/reasonable notice to remove the stock and that they are believed to have suitable alternative premises. The transportation of fireworks regulations would have to be followed which are enforced by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and (DBSA).

Members learnt that WYFRS has currently issued 226 firework licences, that if Members resolve to revoke a firework licence, the decision can be appealed and that the licence holder can continue to sell fireworks within the notice period.

Resolved
That the Firework Storage Licence for Top Shotter be revoked with effect from 7 days from the date of today's meeting,

Chair