

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



Held on Tuesday 10 February 2026, at 5.30 pm

RBFRS Headquarters, Newsham Court, Pincents Kiln, Calcot, Reading RG31 7SD

**Members:**  
(\*present)  
(\*\* virtual)

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| * Councillor Peter Frewer        | * Councillor Jeff Brooks             |
| * Councillor George Blundell     | * Councillor Paul Gittings           |
| * Councillor Wendy Griffith      | * Councillor Rachelle Shepherd-DuBey |
| * Councillor Tina McKenzie-Boyle | * Councillor Simon Werner            |
| * Councillor Wayne Smith         | * Councillor Dave McElroy            |

**In Attendance:** Councillor Billy Drummond  
Councillor Owen Jeffery  
Graham Britten (Monitoring Officer, MO)  
Becci Jefferies (Head of Human Resources and Learning Development, HHR&L&D)  
Fayth Rowe (Executive Services Manager, ESM)  
Michaela Smith (Democratic Services Officer, DSO)  
Wayne Bowcock (Chief Fire Officer, CFO)

## 46. REPRESENTATIVE BODIES

There were no questions received from Representative Bodies on any of the agenda items.

## 47. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

## 48. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest from Members in accordance with the provisions of the Fire Authority's Local Code of Conduct. There were no Declarations of Interest from Officers

**Action**

**49. APPOINTMENT PANEL RECOMMENDATION – CHIEF FIRE OFFICER**

The Chair, Councillor Brooks presented the report and stated the report was seeking Management Committee to recommend to the Fire Authority the appointment of Mark Arkwell to the role of Chief Fire Officer.

The Chair moved the recommendation, which was seconded by the Vice-Chair, Councillor Paul Gittings.

On being put to the vote, Management Committee unanimously, **RESOLVED** that it be recommended to the Fire Authority the appointment of Mark Arkwell, to the role of Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive commencing on 28 March 2026, on the salary package outlined in 3.5 and 3.6.

**50. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 10 February 2026, 6.30pm at RBFRS Headquarters, Newsham Court, Pincents Kiln, Calcot, Reading, RG31 7SD.

*(The meeting concluded at 17:34).*