

**MEETING OF THE ROYAL BERKSHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY'S
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Held on Monday 26 July 2010

**Strategic Command Centre, Headquarters, Royal Berkshire
Fire and Rescue Service, Dee Road, Tilehurst, Reading,
Berkshire, RG30 4FS**



Those present: Councillor Dr Paul Bryant (Chairman, Fire Authority) (Chairman)
Councillor Jeff Brooks (Member, Fire Authority)
Councillor Colin Dudley (Vice-Chairman, Fire Authority)
Councillor Angus Ross (Member, Fire Authority)
Councillor Alan Ward (Member, Fire Authority / Substitute Member for
Councillor Mrs Pauline Helliar-Symons)

In Attendance: Gene Ashe (Area Manager, Prevention and Protection)
Olaf Baars (Deputy Chief Fire Officer)
Iain Cox (Chief Fire Officer)
Lynda Kenyon (Committee Manager)
Caroline Redzikowska (Clerk and Monitoring Officer)
Paul Southern (Assistant Chief Fire Officer)
David Wallace (Director of Human Resources)

Observers: Christopher Glenn (Unison)
Andy Mancey (Area Manager, Response)

130. The Unison representative present, Christopher Glenn, did not wish to address the Committee on any Part I item.

131. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Paul Gittings (Member, Fire Authority), Councillor Mrs Pauline Helliar-Symons (Member, Fire Authority), and Councillor Iain McCracken (Member, Fire Authority). The Committee Manager advised that Councillor Alan Ward had been nominated by Councillor Mrs Pauline Helliar-Symons to attend as her substitute Member.

132. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Angus Ross declared a Personal non Prejudicial interest as the Fire Authority's representative and Board Member on the South East Fire and Rescue Control Centre Ltd (SEFRCCL) in respect to Agenda Item 13 (South East Fire and Rescue Control Centre Ltd). There were no further declarations of interest from Councillors relating to items to be considered at the meeting, in accordance with the provisions of the Fire Authority's Local Code of Conduct.

**133. MINUTES OF THE TWO MEETINGS OF THE MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE HELD ON 30 JUNE 2010**

Resolved:

- a) That the Minutes of the two meetings held on 30 June 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

The Area Manager (Prevention and Protection), in response to the Councillor Mrs Pauline Helliar-Symons' previous request for data to support the reduction in the number of incidents in relation to road traffic collisions and the reduction in the number of incidents attended within the high risk target areas since the

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commencement of programmed promotions in 2005, reported that, for the period 2005-2009:

- i) The number of road traffic incidents had reduced by 13%, with the number of road traffic casualties having reduced by 40% and the number of road traffic fatalities by 58.8%;
- ii) The number of incidents attended within the high risk target areas had seen a 25% reduction from 1,922 in 2005 to 1,428 in 2009.

134. RECEIPT OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported:

- a) That he had attended the Local Government Association Fire Services Management Committee on Monday 19 July 2010 at which the Fire Minister had confirmed that the direction of travel for Fire and Rescue Services was still to be evaluated, and that clarity was still needed regarding the future of Regional Control Centres; and that the Committee had also considered the principles of the transfer of powers from CLG (Communities and Local Government) to other bodies such as Fire and Rescue Authorities and the Local Government Association.
- b) That he had, with Councillor Angus Ross, attended the South East Fire and Rescue Control Centre Limited Member group visit to EADS, the Regional Control Centre project contractor, in Newport on 23 July 2010. Both the Chairman and Councillor Angus Ross felt that the visit had proved useful.

135. ISSUES ARISING FROM THE AUDIT AND PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

There were no reports referred by the Audit and Performance Review Committee.

136. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Committee reviewed its Terms of Reference.

Resolved:

- a) That CO3c) be amended to now read "To appoint representatives to attend conferences etc so long as provision in estimates is not exceeded", and that this amendment be presented to the Fire Authority for approval.

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Fire Authority
Agenda
29.09.10

137. AUDIT AND PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Committee considered the Audit and Performance Review Committee's Terms of Reference, as amended.

Resolved:

- a) That the Audit and Performance Review Committee's Terms of Reference, as amended, be recommended to the Fire Authority for approval.

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138. 2011/2012 BUDGET WORKING PARTY AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

Resolved:

- a) That a 2011/2012 Budget Working Party be Appointed and that its Terms of Reference be Agreed.

- b) That the dates of the Budget Working Party meetings be Noted (10 November 2010 at 6.30pm, 15 December 2010 at 6.30pm and 5 January 2011 at 6.30pm).

139. LEAD MEMBER FOR FIRE CONTROL

The Committee considered appointing a Lead Member for Fire Control and the remit for this role.

Resolved:

- a) That the role map set out in the Appendix to the report be Approved, subject to all references to "FiReControl" being amended to read "Fire Control";
- b) That Councillor Angus Ross be appointed as the Lead Member for Fire Control.

140. 2010/11 BUDGET MONITORING

The Committee was advised of revenue and capital expenditure against budgets up to the end of June 2010.

Resolved:

- a) That the report be Noted.

141. FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITIES MUTUAL LIMITED (FRAML) REPORT AND INSURANCE UPDATE

The Committee received an update on FRAML, consortium and insurance matters.

Resolved:

- a) That the report be Noted.

142. SOUTH EAST FIRE AND RESCUE CONTROL CENTRE LTD (SEFRCCCL)

The Committee received an update report from the Fire Authority's SEFRCCCL Board Representative, Councillor Angus Ross, who also reported that there had been some Board personnel changes, noting that these were the first changes since its inception.

Resolved:

- a) That the report be Noted.

143. CREWING LEVEL MONITORING

The Committee was advised of the Wholetime crewing levels based on full shifts for the 4th quarter of the 2009/10 financial year (from 1 January 2010 to 31 March 2010).

The Chairman believed that the improvement to the crewing levels for this period was creditable, particularly as the reporting period covered the adverse weather during January 2010. The Deputy Chief Fire Officer noted that the intake of new recruits was also helping to realise the improvement in the crewing levels.

Resolved:

- a) That the report be Noted.

144. FORWARD PLAN

In response to Councillor Colin Dudley, the Chief Fire Officer confirmed that the Retained Duty System Review would include a range of options for consideration by the Fire Authority.

Resolved:

- a) That the Forward Plan be Noted.

145. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

- i) Monday 27 September 2010 at 6.30pm in the Strategic Command Centre, Headquarters, Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service.
- ii) Monday 25 October 2010 at 6.30pm in the Strategic Command Centre, Headquarters, Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service.

The Committee considered convening supplementary Management Committee meetings to consider the Government's Emergency Budget 2010 and Comprehensive Spending Review.

Resolved:

- a) That supplementary Management Committee meetings be convened on Monday 29 November 2010 at 6.30pm and Monday 20 December 2010 at 6.30pm;
- b) That additional meetings of the Budget Working Party be convened as required.