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



Held on: Tuesday 9 July 2013 at 5.30 pm

**At: Hungerford Fire Station, Church Street, Hungerford, Berkshire
RG17 0JD.**

- Members:
- *Councillor Christine Bateson
 - Councillor Paul Bryant
 - *Councillor Adrian Edwards (Vice Chairman)
 - Councillor Paul Gittings
 - *Councillor Pauline Helliar-Symons
 - Councillor Chris Maskell
 - *Councillor Tom McCann
 - *Councillor Angus Ross (Chairman)

**present*

- In attendance:
- Olaf Baars (Acting Chief Fire Officer, Acting CFO)
 - Andy Haste (Head of Transportation and Engineering, HTE)
 - Andy Mancey (Acting Assistant Chief Fire Officer)
 - Carolyn Rowe (Committee Manager, CM)
 - Paul Southern (Acting Deputy Chief Fire Officer, ADCFO)
 - Andrew Vallance (Director Resources, DR)

233. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Paul Bryant, Cllr Paul Gittings and Cllr Chris Maskell.

234. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman declared that he was a Member of the Sponsoring Group for the Joint Thames Valley Fire Control Service.

235. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30 APRIL 2013

Resolved:

- a) That the part I minutes of the meeting held on the 30 April 2013 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, and
- b) That the part I minutes of the meeting held on the 26 June 2013 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

236. 2012/13 TRANSPORT CAPITAL PROGRAMME

The Chairman welcomed Andy Haste, Head of Transportation and Engineering, (HTE) who outlined the report, and provided an update on which assets - previously leased - have since been purchased. HTE stated the intention to report to the next SAM C meeting with a review of the profile, to include the vehicle replacement period. He added that the report would incorporate an up to date position which assets were leased and which had been purchased.

The Director of Resources (DR) advised that from 1998 – 2004, because of

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borrowing restrictions, leasing was undertaken. As the leases were coming to an end, they are reviewed and either extended, bought out, or relinquished. It was unlikely that there would be any leased transport in the fleet in 2-3 years time.

In answer to Member questions the following points were made:

- budgets reflect the allowance made for exchange rate and inflation variation;
- RBFRS works with other fire authorities (FAs) if going to market, to lever volume discounts;
- traditionally a consortium of 11 FAs has been used
- framework agreements mean that the market is not always used.
- to address the different workload/ usage across different stations, new engines have traditionally been put in whole time stations, and then passed down to retained stations, although this is not now always the case.
- training vehicles tend to be past their half life, although there is benefit to the experience gained by using more up to date equipment, and there is resilience in being able to use this if there is a major incident.

The Chairman thanked HTE and said that it was useful to have an overview of the Transport Assets. He asked that in addition to the report at the next meeting, a report be brought to SAM C annually.

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Resolved:

That the report be noted.

237. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 8 October 2013 at **Mortimer** Fire Station (Station 11). There will also be a tour of the station. Members agreed to hold the meeting at Mortimer rather than at Whitley Wood.

238. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the public be excluded from the meeting for the following Agenda Items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in the Paragraph 1, 2 and 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the said Act indicated and is exempt information if, and so long as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

239. PART II MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30 APRIL 2013

Resolved:

That the Part II Minutes of the meeting held on 30 April 2013 be Approved for signing by the Chairman.

240. NEW BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

Members had agreed that the update be included as one item under part II, because of the commercially sensitive information included.

Resolved:

- a) That the report be noted, and

b) That the recommendations as set out in the report be Agreed.

241. RESTRUCTURE UPDATE

The DR introduced the update report, and it was

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

242. PROPERTY UPDATE

Members received a verbal update on current property issues, and it was

Resolved:

That the verbal update be noted.

243. DCLG FIRE AND RESCUE BULLETIN NUMBER 35

Members considered the bulletin which was tabled.

Resolved:

That the bulletin be noted

The meeting finished at 7.00 pm, followed by a tour of the Station.

Minutes signed by Chairman as a correct record:

Signature *AR*

Print Name *ANGUS ROSS*

Date signed *15.10.2013*

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