

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

Held on Tuesday 12 October 2010

Commercial Room, Training Centre, Whitley Wood Road, Reading
Berkshire, RG2 8FS



Those present: Councillor Mrs Pauline Helliar-Symons (Member, Fire Authority) (*Chairman*)
Councillor Mrs Christine Bateson (Member, Fire Authority)
Councillor Mrs Prue Bray (Member, Fire Authority)
Councillor Adrian Edwards (Member, Fire Authority)
Councillor Paul Gittings (Member, Fire Authority)

In Attendance: Lynda Kenyon (Committee Manager)
Paul Southern (Assistant Chief Fire Officer)

Action

56. TOUR OF TRAINING CENTRE AND STATION 20 (WHITLEY WOOD) BY THE ASSISTANT CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

The Assistant Chief Fire Officer conducted a tour of the Training Centre and Station 20 (Whitley Wood), and Members were given the opportunity to view the Station and Training Centre facilities and emergency fire appliances.

57. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Owen Jeffery (Member, Fire Authority) and Councillor Fred Pugh (Member, Fire Authority).

58. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Adrian Edwards declared a Personal non Prejudicial Interest in respect to Agenda Item 10 (Wokingham Fire Station progress report) as his son works for Babcock Infrastructure Services. There were no further Declarations of Interest made by Members or Officers.

59. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 JULY 2010

The Assistant Chief Fire Officer reported that Jon Ball (Information Systems Manager) was liaising with other providers with regard to the sharing of IT expertise with other Unitary Authorities and Fire and Rescue Services (*Minute reference 46, Capital Programme Update*).

The Assistant Chief Fire Officer reported that he had approached Wokingham Borough Council regarding Section 106 monies and community payments, and had also pursued with a number of Unitary Authorities whether any similar type payments might be available, however no such payments were immediately available (*Minute reference 46, Capital Programme Update*).

Councillor Mrs Prue Bray referred to a free Local Government Association Retained Duty System Seminar for Elected Members being held in November 2010, and she agreed to inform the Fire Authority Members of this event.

Cllr Mrs Bray

Resolved:

- a) That the Minutes of the meeting of the Strategic Asset Management Committee held on 13 July 2010 be Approved for signing by the Chairman.

The Chairman noted that all the actions had been discharged.

60. CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

The Committee was advised of the progress against the 2010/11 Capital Programme.

The Assistant Chief Fire Officer, in response to Councillor Adrian Edwards, agreed to provide, at the next meeting, a capital replacement list for fire tenders, to include when they were due for replacement.

Resolved:

- a) That the report be Noted.

61. INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN (IRMP) / BUDGET PROPOSALS

The Assistant Chief Fire Officer gave a presentation to the Committee in which he outlined the Integrated Risk Management Plan Working Party and Budget Working Party issues affecting the Strategic Asset Management Committee (*copy available from the Committee Manager*).

In response to Councillor Paul Gittings, the Assistant Chief Fire Officer stated that consideration could be given to validating the work of Hub Professional Services (formally Babcock International Services ((BIS))).

The Assistant Chief Fire Officer (ACFO) agreed to keep Members informed of the joint working considerations with South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS) with regard to the possibility of shared facilities on one site. The Committee supported Councillor Mrs Prue Bray's suggestion that, as she had a good knowledge of the Winnersh area, she also make contact with South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS) to consider possible site options.

62. WATER TENDER LADDER INCREASE IN CAPITAL FUNDING

The Committee was advised of the additional Capital funding required to procure the two scheduled Water Tender Ladder fire appliances in 2010.

The Assistant Chief Fire Officer provided the Committee with a more detailed explanation of the Authority Treasurer's preferred financial option, that being Option 2 within the presented report, and Councillor Paul Gittings supported this option.

In response to Councillor Mrs Christine Bateson, the Assistant Chief Fire Officer agreed to provide the Committee with a more detailed breakdown of the additional improved capability costs.

Resolved:

- a) That the report be Noted.
- b) That the Management Committee be recommended to approve the funding for the 2010/11 water tender ladder capital project shortfall from the revenue underspend.

63. PROGRESS REPORT ON WOKINGHAM FIRE STATION

The Committee was advised of the progress for the new fire station in Wokingham.

Resolved:

- a) That the Contract for the construction of the new Wokingham Fire Station, awarded to Dawnus Construction Limited, be Noted.

ACFO
(Capital
Programme
Update 12.01.11)

ACFO
Cllr Mrs Bray

ACFO

Management
Committee
Agenda
(25.10.10)

64. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 12 January 2011 at 5.30pm in the Lecture Room, Ascot Fire Station, Station Hill, Ascot, Berkshire, SL5 7HF.

Resolved:

- a) That the meeting on Wednesday 20 April 2011 at 5.30pm be held at Bracknell Fire Station.

**Committee
Manager**

65. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Resolved:

- a) 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 Paragraphs 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.

66. PART II MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 JULY 2010

Resolved:

- a) That the Minutes of the Part II meeting of the Strategic Asset Management Committee held on 13 July 2010 be Approved for signing by the Chairman.

67. PROGRESS REPORT ON WOKINGHAM FIRE STATION - APPENDIX

After due consideration of the Tender Report, the Assistant Chief Fire Officer was confident that the Performance Bond now in place sufficiently protected the Authority.

Resolved:

- a) That the Confidential Appendix to Agenda Item 8 (Progress Report on Wokingham Fire Station) be Noted.

Minutes signed by Chairman as a correct record:

Signature P.E. Helliar-Symons

Print Name P.E. HELLIAR-SYMONS

Date signed: 12/01/11