

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

Held on Tuesday 17 April 2012

Lambourn Fire Station, Newbury Street, Lambourn, Berkshire.
RG17 8YT



Those present: Councillor Mrs Christine Bateson (Member, Fire Authority)
Councillor Mrs Prue Bray (Member, Fire Authority)
Councillor Adrian Edwards (Member, Fire Authority) (*Vice-Chairman*)
Councillor Mrs Pauline Helliard-Symons (Member, Fire Authority)
Councillor Fred Pugh (Member, Fire Authority)
Councillor Angus Ross (Member, Fire Authority) (*Chairman*)

In Attendance: Pat Arthur (Procurement and Facilities Manager)
Bryan Morgan (Acting Assistant Chief Fire Officer)
Carolyn Rowe (Committee Manager)
Fayth Rowe (Committee Officer)
Paul Southern (Acting Deputy Chief Fire Officer)
Andrew Vallance (Director Resources)
Mark Abinger (Managing Director, HUB Professional Services)
Mark Deacon (Business Development Manager, HUB Professional Services)

Action

151 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

The Chairman welcomed the Managing Director and Business Development Manager of HUB, to the meeting.

152 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Fred Pugh stated he would have an interest to declare for the part II item on Dee Road.

There were no Declarations of Interest received from Officers.

153 CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

The Chairman stated that he wished to take the opportunity to thank Councillor Fred Pugh for his contribution and the time he had given to the Committee.

The Chairman advised the Committee that from 1st April, responsibilities of senior officers supporting the Committee had altered. Officers were invited to update the Committee.

The Acting Deputy Chief Fire Officer confirmed that whereas previously the Committee's 3 main areas were part of his role, the lead officers are now as follows:

Director of Resources: premises and I.T.

Acting Chief Fire Officer: transport.

The Acting Deputy Chief Fire Officer advised that he retained the responsibility

for the H.Q. project.

The Director of Resources advised members that an imminent matter to be considered is the bid to Government for 2013/14 capital funds. Bids need to be submitted by 1 July 2012. Theale Fire Station is identified as a possible bid, and an additional committee meeting may be required in June 2012.

154 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 FEBRUARY 2012

Resolved:

- a) That the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2012 be agreed as a true record and approved for signing by the Chairman.

155 SHARED PREMISES OPPORTUNITIES

The Acting Deputy Chief Fire Officer introduced the report and advised that there was regular liaison to explore opportunities. In answer to questions members were advised that the Police were undertaking a review and we would continue to liaise with them, in addition to the Ambulance service where shared premises worked well. Community use was also an option.

Charges have not been reviewed since the original Fire Authority decision to keep rents reasonable. Following member discussion, the Chairman requested that the facilities at fire stations be drawn up and appraised for all possible opportunities. It was also requested that the detail of current agreements, including what is charged for, is provided. The Chairman suggested this be reported in two meetings time (9th October 2012).

Resolved:

- a) That the report be report noted.

156 PURCHASE OR EXTENSION OF LEASED VEHICLES

The Director of Resources introduced the item by advising members that he was now in a position to put a firm recommendation to the Committee, as additional information had been received earlier in the day.

The three vehicles had cost £49,492 annually (approximately £16,500 per vehicle) to lease during the primary 10 year lease period which has now expired. To extend the leases would cost £14,750 annually per vehicle.

A purchase price of £28,000 per vehicle has also been provided.

The Committee was advised that the Mercedes vehicles have been reliable and an extra 4 years life is anticipated. Vehicles are purchased every year, so this would not create a future problem. Funding is available from the unused leasing budget and this revenue would be used for the capital purchase. As such, the purchase of the 3 vehicles at a cost of £84,000 is recommended.

The new recommendations were proposed by the Councillor Adrian Edwards, and seconded by Councillor Pauline Helliard-Symons, and it was unanimously

Resolved:

- a) That the Committee note the report.
and
- b) **That the Committee AGREE the purchase of the three vehicles at a cost of £84,000.**

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157 CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

The Director of Resources introduced the report by advising members of an amendment. A further invoice for £123,000 has been received for Wokingham Fire Station. This is currently being investigated as it does not tally with the original figures.

The Chairman requested that more information be sent to him and he would advise Committee members accordingly.

There is an underspend for the 2011/12 year. The Committee was advised that the underspend on automatic security gates is because following safety checks, those that were unsafe have been replaced, and the remaining gates will be replaced when broken rather than immediately.

Resolved:

- a) That **subject to receipt of further information on the Wokingham Fire Station invoice**, the report be noted.

158 STRATEGIC ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE FIRE AUTHORITY

A final version incorporating committee member comments had been received at the Fire Authority meeting on 11 April 2012.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

159. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 10 July 2012 at 5.30 pm. Members agreed Langley Fire Station as the venue.

160. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**Resolved:**

- a) That 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.

161. PART II MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 FEBRUARY 2012**Resolved:**

- a) That the Part II Minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2012 be Approved for signing by the Chairman.

162. DEE ROAD DISPOSAL OPTIONS**Resolved:**

That the report be recommended to Management Committee

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163. WINDSOR FIRE STATION PREMISES

Resolved:

That the report be recommended to Management Committee **as amended.**

164. THEALE FIRE STATION PROGRESS REPORT

Members were advised that this scheme may be put forward as a capital bid, and therefore an additional meeting may be needed in June.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

165. NEW BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS

The Committee received an oral update, and requested that an additional full meeting of SAM C be convened once further information and options had been developed.

The meeting finished at 7.22pm, after which members had a tour of the fire station.

Minutes signed by Chairman as a correct record:

Signature 

Print Name ANGUS J ROSS

Date signed 26.6.17