

**AGENDA ITEM 2: MINUTES**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ROYAL BERKSHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY'S URGENCY COMMITTEE HELD AT BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS ON MONDAY 2 DECEMBER 2002 COMMENCING AT 6.20PM AND CONCLUDED AT 6.40PM**

**Present: J C G Brooks (Chairman), B J S Patman (Vice-Chairman),  
E L Glasson (Leader of the Labour Group)**

**7.01/02 MINUTES 22 NOVEMBER 2002**

The Part I Minutes of the last meeting held on Friday 22 November 2002, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**7.02/02 FIRE BRIGADES' UNION PAY CLAIM NEGOTIATIONS**

Members was reminded (Agenda item 3 – not reproduced) of their recent decision, as the Fire Authority's Urgency Committee, to appoint the National Fire Service Employers as its agent for the purpose of reaching agreement in accordance with the provisions of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1992 to extend the period during which the ballot for industrial action remains effective.

As the request was not received until 6 November and the deadline for a response was 8 November 2002 there was not sufficient time in which to call a meeting of the Urgency Committee. Accordingly the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Leader of the Labour Group were consulted in their capacity as Members of the Urgency Committee and the necessary authority sought.

The Clerk and Monitoring Officer therefore confirmed the Fire Authority's agreement to the National Employers acting as the Royal Berkshire Fire Authority's agent. As events turned out, there was no opportunity for the National Employers to act as the Fire Authority's agent under Section 234 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1992 and the first FBU strike took place on 13-15 November 2003.

The purpose of the report presented and associated Minute is to formally record the decision made by Members of the Fire Authority's Urgency Committee.

**NOTED**

**7.03/02 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:** That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as



amended), the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 12A of the said Act indicated:

	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Paragraph</b>
5	Part II Minutes: Friday 22 November 2002	1
6	Appointment of a New Chief Fire Officer	1

*Note: The following is a summary of the items considered in the Part II Agenda of the Urgency Committee meeting held on Monday 2 December 2002*

**7.04/02          PART II MINUTES:          22 NOVEMBER 2002**

The Part II Minutes of the last meeting held on Friday 22 November 2002 were received and approved as a correct record.

**7.05/02          APPOINTMENT OF A NEW CHIEF FIRE OFFICER**

The Urgency Committee established an Appointments Committee and agreed to hold its first meeting on Wednesday 18 December 2002.

Signed:.....

**Chairman**

**Date: 20 January 2003**

