

WILTSHIRE & SWINDON FIRE AUTHORITY

MINUTES of a MEETING of the WILTSHIRE & SWINDON FIRE AUTHORITY held at the WILTSHIRE FRS TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, DEVIZES on TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2014

Present : Cllrs C Devine, G Perkins, A Bennett, E Clark, Mrs M Groom, R Jones
MBE, J Knight, H Marshall, N Martin, G Payne, J Tray and Mrs B Wayman.

50 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 25 September 2014 were amended. "A report should be presented to the CFA" was added at the end of Item 42. The Minutes were signed.

51 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr C Newbury.

52 Members' Interests

The Chairman reminded members of the need to declare any interests which the Authority's Code of Conduct required to be disclosed, or dispensations granted by the Clerk to the Authority or by the Ethics Committee. None were received.

53 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Peter Edge who had returned to the CFA following the resignation of Cllr Howard Marshall from the Wiltshire Council Liberal Democrat Group.

54 Webcasting of the CFA Meeting

The Meeting agreed to webcast the meeting to staff.

RESOLVED:

That this meeting of the CFA be webcast to FRS staff.

55 Questions from the Public.

There were no questions from the public.

56 Public Consultation Feedback.

The CFA received a presentation by Dale Hall, Opinion Research Services on the public consultation.

57 Strengthening our Fire and Rescue Services

The CFO gave a presentation on the Business Case for Combination. Every Member present spoke, giving qualified support for Option 3.

RESOLVED:

That subject to:

assurance in writing by 31 December 2014 from DCLG that precept equalisation to Dorset's level of precept will take place in 2015/16 or 2016/17 and to there being no adverse impact on the business case,

and

Signature.....

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to there being equalisation of representation in governance arrangements, the Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority should adopt scenario three as its preferred option

58 Committee Membership

The meeting discussed membership of Committees.

RESOLVED:

- a) *That Cllr Peter Edge should take the places vacated by Cllr Howard Marshall.*
- b) *That Cllr Graham Payne should be the CFA's nomination for its sixth place on COB.*

59 Urgent Business

There was no urgent business.

60 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 11 December 2014 at 1030hrs.

(Meeting Closed 3:50pm)

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