

## TAYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE BOARD

Minute of Meeting of the Tayside Fire and Rescue Board held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Monday 26 January 2009 at 11.00am.

Present: Angus Council  
Councillors J Whyte, R Myles, H Oswald and P Valentine (substituting for Councillor S West).

Dundee City Council  
Bailie R Wallace; Councillors J Barrie, T Ferguson (substituting for Bailie H Wright), R McCready and C Roberts.

Perth and Kinross Council  
Councillors K Lyall, A MacLellan, P Mulheron, L Simpson and A Stewart.

Also in attendance: S Hunter, A Hay, D Boyle and J Iannetta (all Tayside Fire and Rescue); G Taylor, Clerk; J Symon, Treasurer; C Irons, Committee Officer; and C Wylie, Auditor, Henderson Loggie.

Apologies: Councillors D Fairweather and S West (Angus Council); Bailies H Wright and G Regan (Dundee City Council); and Councillor D Scott (Perth and Kinross Council).

Councillor K Lyall, Presiding

### **1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest made in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

### **2. MINUTES**

#### **(i) Minute of Meeting of Tayside Fire and Rescue Board of 17 November 2008**

The minute of meeting of Tayside Fire and Rescue Board of 17 November 2008 was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

#### **(ii) Minute of Meeting of Performance Monitoring Sub-Committee of 24 November 2008**

The minute of special meeting of Performance Monitoring Sub-Committee of 24 November 2008 was submitted and noted.

**3. REPORT TO MEMBERS AND REPORT TO THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE ON THE AUDIT OF TAYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE BOARD 2007/08**

There was submitted a joint report by the Chief Fire Officer and Treasurer (FB/09/01) on the audit of Tayside Fire and Rescue Board for 2007/08 conducted by Henderson Loggie, external auditors, and appending (1) Henderson Loggie's Report to Members; and (2) Report to those charged with Governance on the Audit of Tayside Fire and Rescue Board 2007/08.

**Resolved:**

The terms of Report FB/09/01 be noted.

**4. EXPENDITURE MONITORING 2008/09**

There was submitted a joint report by the Chief Fire Officer and Treasurer (FB/09/02) on the Board's projected revenue and capital expenditure for 2008/09.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The report detailing the financial position of the Fire and Rescue Board as at 31 December 2008 be noted.
- (ii) It be noted that if the Board's uncommitted reserves exceed 5% at the end of the financial year it would be returned to each of the constituent Councils of the Board.

**5. REVENUE BUDGET 2009/10 AND 2010/11**

There was submitted a joint report by the Chief Fire Officer and Treasurer (FB/09/03) on the revenue budget for 2009/10 and 2010/11.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The revenue budget for the funding of Tayside Fire and Rescue for 2009/10 be approved.
- (ii) The provisional revenue budget for 2010/11 be approved.
- (iii) The funding strategy, as detailed in Report FB/09/03, be approved.

**6. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FINANCIAL PLAN 2009/10 – 2011/12**

There was submitted a joint report by the Chief Fire Officer and Treasurer (FB/09/04) on the Capital Expenditure Financial Plan 2009/10 -2011/12 and seeking authorisation for the plan.

**Resolved:**

The contents of Report FB/09/04 and the appended Capital Expenditure Financial Plan 2009/10 – 2011/12 be approved.

## **7. PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2009/10**

There was submitted a joint report by the Chief Fire Officer and Treasurer (FB/09/05) to monitor, revise and approve the Prudential Indicators for financial year 2009/10. This yearly review was in accordance with the Prudential Code to ensure that the capital investment plans of local authorities are affordable, prudent and sustainable.

### **Resolved:**

The content of Report FB/09/05 which was submitted in accordance with the corporate governance arrangements in place for the Board be noted.

## **8. RACE EQUALITY SCHEME**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Fire Officer (FB/09/06) advising of publication of the Tayside Fire and Rescue Race Equality Scheme 2008/2009. In terms of the Race Relations Act, Tayside Fire and Rescue were required to prepare and publish a Race Equality Scheme at least every three years and attached was the third scheme published by Tayside Fire and Rescue.

### **Resolved:**

- (i) The Race Equality Scheme attached to Report FB/09/06 be approved.
- (ii) Further reports be submitted as necessary in order to appraise the Board on progress.
- (iii) Formal publication of results be included in each years public performance report.

## **9. TOWARDS A SAFER TAYSIDE 2009/10 – CONSULTATION PROCESS**

A request was received from Councillor H Oswald to permit the Fire Brigade Union's representative, J Malone, to give a presentation to today's Board meeting on the Unions response to the consultation document.

### **Resolved:**

The request be refused as the motion was incompetent in terms of the Board's Standing Orders as it was not a matter of urgency.

