

## TAYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE BOARD

Minute of Meeting of the Tayside Fire and Rescue Board held in the Council Chambers, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Monday 10 May 2010 at 11.00am.

Present: Angus Council  
Councillors J Whyte, D Fairweather, R Myles, H Oswald and P Valentine.

Dundee City Council  
Councillor C Roberts; Bailie H Wright; Councillors D Bowes, A Dawson and R McCready.

Perth and Kinross Council  
Councillors K Lyall, P Mulheron, D Scott, 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 and L Brown, Committee Officer (all Perth and Kinross Council).

Apologies: Bailie R Wallace and Councillor E Fordyce (both Dundee City Council); Councillor A MacLellan (Perth and Kinross Council).

Councillor K Lyall, Presiding

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

In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, Councillor P Valentine declared a non-financial interest in Item 8, Montrose Fire Station – Shared Use with Scottish Ambulance Service (FB/10/18 refers).

### **2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

#### **(i) Tayside Fire and Rescue Board of 1 February 2010**

The Minute of Meeting of Tayside Fire and Rescue Board of 1 February 2010 was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

#### **(ii) Special Meeting of Tayside Fire and Rescue Board of 29 March 2010**

The Minute of Special Meeting of Tayside Fire and Rescue Board of 29 March 2010 was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

### **3. DEATH OF FIREFIGHTERS JAMES SPEARS AND ALAN BANNON**

Prior to the commencement of the remaining business, the Convener paid tribute to Firefighters James Spears and Alan Bannon of Hampshire Fire and Rescue who had been fatally injured whilst tackling a fire at a block of flats in Southampton on 6 April 2010. On behalf of the Board the Convener offered condolences to their family, friends and colleagues.

### **4. UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS 2009/10 – PROGRESS REPORT**

There was submitted a joint report by the Chief Fire Officer and Treasurer (FB/10/15) providing an update on the preparation of the Board's Unaudited Accounts for 2009/2010.

#### **Resolved:**

- (i) The contents of Report FB/10/15 be noted.
- (ii) The net projected movement in Tayside Fire and Rescue's reserves, in accordance with the Reserves Strategy previously agreed at the meeting of the Board on 1 February 2010, be noted (FB/10/08 refers).
- (iii) It be noted that the 2009/2010 year end accounts will be submitted to the external auditors within the required timescales and will be published once audited and that a further report will be presented to the Board on the completion of the final accounts and the audit process.

### **5. TAYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE – TOWARDS A SAFER TAYSIDE PUBLIC PERFORMANCE REPORT 2009 - 2010**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Fire Officer (FB/10/19) detailing Tayside Fire and Rescue's Towards a Safer Tayside Public Performance Report for 2009 – 2010.

In response to questions from Members on the report, the Chief Fire Officer provided further information on (1) sickness absence levels and the role of the occupational health department in the provision of support to employees absent from work through ill-health; (2) the role of the community engagement practitioners working alongside uniformed personnel on community safety initiatives in raising public awareness of the risk of fire and to reduce the number of fire casualties; and (3) the Service's commitment to meeting its diversity targets in respect of women, minority and ethnic groups through promotional campaigns aimed at those groups.

#### **Resolved:**

- (i) The Towards a Safer Tayside Public Performance Report 2009 – 2010, as appended to Report FB/10/19, be noted.
- (ii) It be remitted to the Chief Fire Officer to distribute copies of the report to the public.

**6. TAYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE – TOWARDS A SAFER TAYSIDE ACTION PLAN 2010 - 2011**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Fire Officer (FB/10/18) presenting the Towards a Safer Tayside Action Plan for 2010 – 2011 which had been prepared following analysis of the results of the Towards a Safer Tayside 2010 – 2011 Consultation Document and the decision of the Board at its Special Meeting on 29 March 2010 (FB/10/13 refers).

**Resolved:**

- (i) The Towards a Safer Tayside Action Plan for 2010 – 2011, as appended to Report FB/10/18, be approved.
- (ii) The Chief Fire Officer be instructed to circulate copies of the Action Plan to key stakeholders in Tayside.
- (iii) The Chief Fire Officer be instructed to submit a progress report on the Action Plan for 2010 – 2011 to future meeting of the Board.

**7. TAYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORT – JANUARY - MARCH 2010**

There was submitted and noted a report by the Chief Fire Officer (FB/10/16) on the production of the Tayside Fire and Rescue Quarterly Activity Report for the fourth quarter of 2009/2010.

IN TERMS OF STANDING ORDER 35, COUNCILLOR P VALENTINE, HAVING DECLARED A NON-FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM, LEFT THE CHAMBERS AND TOOK NO PART IN THE DISCUSSION OR DECISION THEREON.

**8. MONTROSE FIRE STATION – SHARED USE WITH SCOTTISH AMBULANCE SERVICE**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Fire Officer (FB/10/17) seeking homologation of his action in entering into a User Agreement with the Scottish Ambulance Service for the shared use of Montrose Fire Station.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The action of the Chief Fire Officer in entering into a User Agreement with the Scottish Ambulance Service for the shared use of Montrose Fire Station be homologated.
- (ii) The annual revenue receipt of approximately £20,000 for rental and a share of the running costs be noted.

