

## 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 23 August 2010 at 11.15am.

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

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

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

Also in attendance: Councillor B Band (Perth and Kinross Council); 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), A Borrows, Henderson Loggie.

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 OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

#### **(i) Tayside Fire and Rescue Board of 10 May 2010**

The Minute of Meeting of Tayside Fire and Rescue Board of 10 May 2010 was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

#### **(ii) Performance Monitoring Sub-Committee of 28 June 2010**

The Minute of the Performance Monitoring Sub-Committee of 28 June 2010 was submitted and noted.

COUNCILLOR A MACLELLAN JOINED THE MEETING DURING THE FOLLOWING ITEM.

### **3. OUTLOOK FOR SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE**

Lorna Gibbs, Head of Strategy Unit at the Scottish Government gave an illustrative presentation to the Board on the outlook for Scottish Government expenditure based on research by the Scottish Government's Chief Economic Adviser, Dr. Andrew Goudie, following the UK Government's emergency budget of June 2010. During her presentation the speaker provided details of UK public finance projections for 2010 to 2015/16 and Scottish Government DEL

expenditure for the same period. She emphasised the scale of the expenditure challenge; the effect on the delivery of public services in Scotland and the need to consider how public services might be delivered in future years in light of the reduced budgets.

The Convener thanked Lorna Gibbs for her informative and thought provoking presentation.

LORNA GIBBS LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

#### **4. PROPOSED DATES FOR MEETINGS IN 2011**

**Resolved:**

It was agreed that meetings of the Board and Sub-Committee be held on the following dates in 2011:-

Board

All meetings at City Square, Dundee  
Monday 31 January 2011  
Monday 28 March 2011 (Special Meeting)  
Monday 9 May 2011  
Monday 22 August 2011  
Monday 31 October 2011

Performance Monitoring Sub-Committee

All meetings at City Square, Dundee  
Monday 17 January 2011 Monday 27 June 2011  
Monday 21 November 2011

#### **5. EXPENDITURE MONITORING 2010/11**

There was submitted and noted a joint report by the Chief Fire Officer and Treasurer (FB/10/23) providing an update on the situation regarding the Board's projected Revenue and Capital expenditure for 2010/11 as at 30 June 2010.

#### **6. VOLUNTARY EARLY RETIREMENT SCHEME – VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY SCHEME – SUPPORT STAFF**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Fire Officer (FB/10/24) seeking approval for a Voluntary Early Retirement/Voluntary Redundancy Scheme for support staff which would facilitate rationalisation and restructuring of Tayside Fire and Rescue's service delivery to achieve efficiencies and savings necessitated by budget reductions over future years.

**Resolved**

- (i) The voluntary Early Retirement/Voluntary Redundancy Scheme as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report FB/10/24 be approved.
- (ii) The current arrangements for dealing with early retirements for the efficiency of the service, or on the grounds of voluntary redundancy, be augmented to incorporate the sliding scale of added years relative to pensionable service.

## **7. REVISED REDUNDANCY POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Fire Officer (FB/10/25) seeking approval for a revised Redundancy Policy and Procedure for Tayside Fire and Rescue.

### **Resolved:**

The revised Redundancy Policy and Procedure for Tayside Fire and Rescue as detailed in Report FB/10/25 and the appendices thereto, be approved.

## **8. TAYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORT – APRIL - JUNE 2010**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Fire Officer (FB/10/26) on the production of the Tayside Fire and Rescue Quarterly Activity Report for the first quarter of 2010/2011.

The Convener congratulated Chief Fire Officer Stephen Hunter who had received an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours list for services to local government. Congratulations were also conveyed to Crew Manager, Garry Wilson who had been recognised at the Brave@Heart award ceremony hosted by the First Minister in recognition of his selfless action whilst off-duty at a fire in Perth on 20 February 2010.

The Convener commended the emergency services, Council and Met Office staff for the assistance provided to the local community during the flooding in Perth on 21 July 2010. Vice Convener Whyte commended the fire crews who had attended a recent incident at Strathmartine Hospital whose prompt action had prevented a major tragedy.

### **Resolved:**

The activity report for the first quarter of 2010/11 be noted.

## **9. PUBLIC SECTOR IMPROVEMENT FRAMEWORK**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Fire Officer (FB/10/27) detailing the implementation of the Public Sector Improvement Framework within Tayside Fire and Rescue.

### **Resolved:**

The Board support the implementation of the Public Sector Improvement Framework within Tayside Fire and Rescue to help promote continuous improvement within the organisation.

