

TAYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE BOARD

Minute of Special Meeting of the Tayside Fire and Rescue Board held in the Council Chambers, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Monday 4 October 2010 at 10.20am.

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

Dundee City Council
Councillor C Robert, M Asif (substituting for Councillor R McCready), D Bowes and A Dawson.

Perth and Kinross Council
Councillors K Lyall, P Mulheron, A Stewart and W Wilson (substituting for Councillor L Simpson).

Also in attendance: A Hay and D Boyle (both Tayside Fire and Rescue); G Taylor, Clerk, J Symon, Treasurer and L Brown, Committee Officer (all Perth and Kinross Council).

Apologies: Councillor H Oswald (Angus Council); Bailies R Wallace and H Wright and Councillor R McCready (all Dundee City Council); Councillors D Scott and L Simpson (both 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. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES NATIONAL STRATEGY

There was submitted a report by the Chief Fire Officer (FB/10/28) informing members of (1) work being undertaken at a national level to enable the eight Scottish fire and rescue authorities and services to work collectively to address future funding challenges, and (2) appending for the Board's consideration a report which had been considered and agreed by the Scottish Fire Conveners' Forum on a National Strategy for Scottish fire and rescue services. The Chief Fire Officer's report also advised members of Tayside Fire and Rescue's efforts to identify closer methods of collaborative working with a range of partners at both local and national level which would enable the organisation to continue to deliver high quality services at a time of reduced funding.

Resolved:

The Chief Fire Officer be instructed to submit a response to the Scottish Fire Conveners' Forum in the following terms:

- (i) the Board broadly support the adoption of a National Strategy for Scottish Fire and Rescue Services'
- (ii) the Board highlight the importance of continuing the local collaborative work which is already taking place with a range of partners in Tayside
- (iii) the Board does not support the ring-fencing of the NHS in its entirety.
- (iv) the Board strongly resists any proposal to move away from local political control.

3. SCOTTISH FIRE CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION 2010 – REFLECTING, EVOLVING, DELIVERING – 9-10 NOVEMBER 2010

There was submitted a report by the Clerk (FB/10/29) inviting the Board to consider representation at the forthcoming Scottish Fire Conference and Exhibition to be held at Crieff Hydro Hotel on 9-10 November 2010.

Resolved:

Members attendance at the Scottish Fire Conference and Exhibition to be held at Crieff Hydro Hotel on 9-10 November 2010 be approved at a cost of £75 per day for day delegates, including lunch; £195 for full residential conference delegates on 9-10 November, and £95 per delegate for bed and breakfast accommodation on the night of 8 November 2010.

IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS BE EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM IN ORDER TO AVOID THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION WHICH WAS EXEMPT IN TERMS OF SCHEDULE 7A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1973.

P1. PROCUREMENT OF AERIAL RESCUE PUMP

There was submitted a report by the Chief Fire Officer (FB/10/30) informing members of the outcome of the tender process for the procurement of a third aerial rescue pump for Tayside Fire and Rescue.

Resolved

- (i) The tender submitted by Angloco Ltd for the supply of a third aerial rescue pump for Tayside Fire and Rescue be accepted.
- (ii) Any unspent monies specifically budgeted for the project in 2010/2011 be carried forward to 2011/2012 in order that the completion of the project can be guaranteed.