

TAYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE BOARD

Minute of Special Meeting of the Tayside Fire and Rescue Board held in the Committee Room 1, City Square, Dundee on Wednesday 21 December 2011 at 9.15am.

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 R Band, A Maclellan, P Mulheron and A Stewart.

Also in attendance: S Hunter and A Hay (both Tayside Fire and Rescue); G Taylor, Clerk, S MacKenzie, Acting Treasurer, and L Brown, Committee Officer (all Perth and Kinross Council).

Apologies: Councillor E Fordyce, Dundee City Council; Councillors D Scott and L Simpson (both Perth and Kinross Council).

Councillor R Band, Convener, Presiding

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

2. RESERVES STRATEGY 2011/12 TO 2013/14

There was submitted a joint report by the Chief Fire Officer and the Acting Treasurer to the Board (FB/11/47) proposing a Reserves Strategy for the Board for the period up to 2013/14 in the context of the Board's current and anticipated budgetary position.

Resolved:

- (i) The background to the Reserves Strategy including the assessment of risks and how these will be managed, as detailed in Report FB/11/47, be noted.
- (ii) The Reserves Strategy as set out within Section 6 of Report FB/11/47 be approved.
- (iii) The Board's reserves position and the Strategy be kept under review to respond to changing circumstances.
- (iv) It be noted that the Reserves Strategy has identified an opportunity to utilise part of the uncommitted reserves to fund preventative expenditure on community fire safety initiatives currently met from within the 2011/12 approved Revenue Budget.

- (v) The adjustment to the constituent council requisitions as set out within Section 7 of Report FB/11/47 be approved.
- (vi) It be noted that if the financial risks faced by the Board amount to more than the uncommitted reserves held by the Board, this may require to be addressed through a supplementary requisition to the constituent councils.