

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE AND MILTON KEYNES FIRE AUTHORITY
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

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To: The Chairman and Members of Buckinghamshire
And Milton Keynes Fire Authority

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Dear Councillor

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **BUCKINGHAMSHIRE AND MILTON KEYNES FIRE AUTHORITY** to be held in Meeting Room 1, Fire and Rescue Headquarters, Stocklake, Aylesbury on **WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2018 at 11.00 am** when the business set out overleaf will be transacted.

Yours faithfully

Graham Britten
Director of Legal and Governance

Chairman: Councillor Reed

Councillors: Carroll, Cranmer, Exon, Glover, Irwin, Lambert, Marland, McCall, McDonald, McLean, Roberts, Sullivan, Teesdale, Watson and Wilson



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Adjournment and Rights to Speak – Public

The Authority may, when members of the public are present, adjourn a Meeting to hear the views of the public on a particular agenda item. The proposal to adjourn must be moved by a Member, seconded and agreed by a majority of the Members present and voting.

Prior to inviting the public to speak, the Chairman should advise that they:

- (a) raise their hands to indicate their wish to speak at the invitation of the Chairman,
- (b) speak for no more than four minutes,
- (c) should only speak once unless the Chairman agrees otherwise.

The Chairman should resume the Meeting as soon as possible, with the agreement of the other Members present.

Adjournments do not form part of the Meeting and should be confined to times when the views of the public need to be heard.

Rights to Speak - Members

A Member of the constituent Councils who is not a Member of the Authority may attend Meetings of the Authority or its Committees to make a statement on behalf of the Member's constituents in the case of any item under discussion which directly affects the Member's division, with the prior consent of the Chairman of the Meeting which will not be unreasonably withheld. The Member's statement will not last longer than four minutes.

Petitions

Any Member of the constituent Councils, a District Council, or Parish Council, falling within the Fire Authority area may Petition the Fire Authority.

The substance of a petition presented at a Meeting of the Authority shall be summarised, in not more than four minutes, by the Member of the Council who presents it. If the petition does not refer to a matter before the Authority it shall be referred without debate to the appropriate Committee.

Questions

Members of the Authority, or its constituent councils, District, or Parish Councils may submit written questions prior to the Meeting to allow their full and proper consideration. Such questions shall be received by the Monitoring Officer to the Authority, *in writing or by fax*, at least two clear working days before the day of the Meeting of the Authority or the Committee.

COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY - TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. To appoint the Authority's Standing Committees and Lead Members.
2. To determine the following issues after considering recommendations from the Executive Committee, or in the case of 2(a) below, only, after considering recommendations from the Overview and Audit Committee:
 - (a) variations to Standing Orders and Financial Regulations;
 - (b) the medium-term financial plans including:
 - (i) the Revenue Budget;
 - (ii) the Capital Programme;
 - (iii) the level of borrowing under the Local Government Act 2003 in accordance with the Prudential Code produced by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy; and
 - (c) a Precept and all decisions legally required to set a balanced budget each financial year;
 - (d) the Prudential Indicators in accordance with the Prudential Code;
 - (e) the Treasury Strategy;
 - (f) the Scheme of Members' Allowances;
 - (g) the Integrated Risk Management Plan and Action Plan;
 - (h) the Annual Report.
3. To determine the Code of Conduct for Members on recommendation from the Overview and Audit Committee.
4. To determine all other matters reserved by law or otherwise, whether delegated to a committee or not.
5. To determine the terms of appointment or dismissal of the Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive, and deputy to the Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive, or equivalent.
6. To approve the Authority's statutory pay policy statement.

AGENDA

Item No:

1. Apologies

1a. Welcome any New Member onto the Authority

To welcome any new Member and to appoint to a Committee in accordance with the Group Leader's wishes.

2. Minutes

To approve, and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Fire Authority held on 13 December 2017 (Item 2) **(Pages 7 - 12)**

3. Disclosure of Interests

Members to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests they may have in any matter being considered which are not entered onto the Authority's Register, and officers to disclose any interests they may have in any contract to be considered.

4. Chairman's Announcements

To receive the Chairman's announcements (if any).

5. Petitions

To receive petitions under Standing Order SOA6.

6. Questions

To receive questions in accordance with Standing Order SOA7.

7. Recommendations from Committees:

Executive Committee – 7 February 2018

(a) Members' Allowances

"That the Authority be recommended to adopt a Scheme for Members' Allowances for 2018/19 (Appendix C which includes figures indicative of a 1% increase) with an uplift from the 17/18 Scheme to reflect any final Grey Book pay award for 17/18."

The report considered by the Executive Committee is attached at Item 7(a) **(Pages 13 - 44)**

(b) The Prudential code, Prudential Indicators and Minimum Revenue Provision

"That the Authority be recommended to approve the Prudential Indicators and the Minimum Revenue Provision policy statement"

The report considered by the Executive Committee is attached at Item 7(b)

(Pages 45 - 54)

(c) Medium Term Financial Plan 2018/19 to 2020/21

“That the Authority be recommended to note and have due regard to the report and Statement of the Chief Finance Officer (Section 8 of Annex A).”

“Approve a Council Tax precept of £62.70 for a band D equivalent property (a 2.99% increase from 2017/18 – equal to 3.5p per week) and the revenue budget as set out in Appendix 1.”

“Approve the capital programme as set out in Appendix 2.”

The report considered by the Executive Committee is attached at Item 7(c)
(Pages 55 – 66)

The above recommendations are recommendations from officers to the Executive Committee, revisions, if any, will follow.

8. Treasury Management Strategy 2018/19

To consider Item 8 **(Pages 67 - 84)**

9. Fire and Rescue National Framework for England (Government Consultation)

To consider Item 9 **(Pages 85 - 130)**

10. Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services

To consider Item 10 **(Pages 131 - 162)**

11. Pay Policy Principles and Statement 2018/19

To consider Item 11 **(Pages 163 - 182)**

12. Apprenticeship Diversity Champions Network

To consider Item 12 **(Pages 183 - 190)**

13. Date of Next Meeting

To note that the next meeting of the Fire Authority will be held on Wednesday 13 June 2018 at 11am (AGM).

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