Minutes of the Executive Committee

7th July 2008, at 9.30 am at Fire Service Headquarters, Lancaster Circus Queensway, Birmingham

Present: Councillor Howard (Chairman);

Councillor Ward (Vice-Chairman);

Councillors S Davis, Eustace, Hinton, Idrees, Ryder and

Stevenson.

32/08 Exclusion of the Public and Press

Resolved that the public and press be excluded from the rest of the meeting to avoid the possible disclosure of exempt information under Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person, (including the authority holding that information).

33/08 Procurement of Targeted Response Vehicles

Approval was sought for the purchase of two Targeted Response Vehicles (TRV).

The Brigade's Annual Service Plan 2008/2009 included the introduction of two TRVs. The TRVs were designed to carry out firefighting operations at smaller incidents using a fire crew of three, as opposed to a crew of six as deployed on Pump Rescue Ladders (PRLs). The incidents at which a TRV would provide effective firefighting include fires on open land, rubbish fires and vehicle fires. TRvs could also be used to support PRLs attending larger more complex incidents.

Tenders were sought using the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) via the accelerated restricted procedure and only one tender was received, from Angloco Limited. The tender had been evaluated by officers from Transport Engineering Workshops and Procurement and it

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satisfied the technical and commercial requirements and considerations of the Brigade. The vehicles had also been successfully tested in terms of off road capability, driving in water and foam making provision.

The cost of procuring the two vehicles was approximately £240,000 which could be met from the current year's vehicle replacement programme.

Resolved that approval be given to purchase two Targeted Response Vehicles from Angloco Limited, at a cost of £240,000.

(Meeting ended at 9.40 am)

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