

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority

12th August, 2013 at 11.00 am
at Fire Service Headquarters, Vauxhall Road, Birmingham

Present: Councillor Edwards [Chair];
Councillor Idrees [Vice-Chair];
Councillors Aston, Singh Atwal, Auluck, Chambers,
Clinton, Collingswood, Davis, Delaney,
Finnegan, Foster, Hogarth, Mottram JP, O'Reilly,
Quinnen, Sealey, Shackleton, Singh, Tranter, Walsh
and Young.

Apologies: Councillors Spence, Wright and Yardley;
Mr Ager.

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Exclusion of the Public

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 any individual and any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.

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Post of Chief Fire Officer

Approval was sought to the retirement of the Chief Fire Officer, to take effect from 15th November, 2013.

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The Chief Fire Officer, who was able to resign unilaterally, had submitted his resignation on 31st July, 2013. However, in accordance with the provisions of the Fireman's Pension Scheme Order 1992, the Authority would need to approve the Chief Fire Officer's retirement and any statutory pension benefits.

No enhancements or discretionary payments were being sought as part of the request for the Chief Fire Officer to retire.

Members were informed that legislation had now changed so that a Chief Fire Officer who was appointed after 1st July, 2013 would no longer require approval to retire from the Authority.

A further report on proposals to fill the post of Chief Fire Officer and any associated matters would be considered by the Authority on 16th September, 2013.

Resolved that the retirement of the Chief Fire Officer, to take effect from 15th November, 2013, be approved.

(Meeting ended at 11.05 am)

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