

<p><b>Minutes of the Executive Committee</b></p>
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**9<sup>th</sup> August, 2004 at 10.00 a.m.**  
**at the Fire Service Headquarters, Birmingham**

**Present:** Councillor Hinton (Chair);  
Councillor Hogarth (Vice Chair);  
Councillor Howard.

**Apology:** Councillor Eustace.

70/04 **Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meetings held on 28<sup>th</sup> April, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2004 be confirmed as a correct record.

71/04 **Quotations Received in Excess of £50,000.00 - Quarterly Update**

The Committee received a report detailing contracts awarded in excess of £50,000.00.

Members noted the contract awarded as detailed below:-

Care Package for B.A. Compressors	£95, 972	Gas and Air Services UK
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72/04 **Visit to the Houses of Parliament by Members of the Authority –  
Approved Duty**

The Committee considered a report seeking approval for Members to attend a reception with MPs at the Houses of Parliament on 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2004.

The visit would provide a good opportunity for Members to discuss the relevant issues with MPs serving the West Midlands Area along with other Members from both Houses of Parliament.

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**Resolved** that Members of the Authority visit the Houses of Parliament on 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2004 and that the visit be classed as an approved duty for the purposes of Members Allowances.

73/04     **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 follows:-

Minute No 74/04 – relating to negotiations or consultation on labour relations matters and disclosure would be likely to prejudice those negotiations.

Minute Nos. 75/04, 76/04 and 77/04– relating to the identity of a tenderer for the supply of goods or services.

74/04     **Update on the Negotiations over the Fire Service Pay and Conditions Agreement**

With reference to Minute No. 56/04 of the Authority, the Committee considered a report providing an urgent update following the breakdown in national communications over the Fire Service Pay and Conditions Agreement on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2004.

Formal notification had been received from the Fire Brigades' Union of an intention to ballot its members over industrial action consisting of a strike.

The Committee noted that the Chair intended to write to employees concerning this matter. A draft letter was circulated.

**Resolved:-**

- (i) that the breakdown in the national negotiations over the Fire Service Pay and Conditions Agreement be noted;
- (ii) that the notification of the Fire Brigades' Union of the intention to ballot it's members be noted;
- (iii) that the Employers' Communications Strategy be endorsed.

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75/04     **Supply, Fitment and Maintenance Services for Tyres (2004 – 2006)**

Further to Minute No. 69/04 the Committee considered a report on the tenders received for the supply, fitment and maintenance services for tyres (2004 – 2006).

The tender submitted by Hi - Q was considered to represent best value for money to the Authority.

Provision had been made within the 2004/2005 budget for the purchase of tyres. Budget requirements would be taken into account when preparing the 2005/2006 forecasts

**Resolved** that, subject to the preparation of a formal contract by the Clerk, the tender submitted by Hi - Q be accepted.

76/04     **Tenders in respect of (F792) Construction of a Community Fire Safety Building, Foleshill Fire Station.**

The Committee opened six tenders received for the above scheme in the following amounts.

£244,070.00  
£246,121.00  
£260,948.00  
£369,588.00  
£386,427.00  
£398,888.00

The estimated cost of the work was £197,000.00

**Resolved** that officers be instructed to analyse the tenders and to submit a further report to the Committee in due course.

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**77/04      Tenders in respect of (F793) PPE Storage Facilities and Refurbishment of Ablutions at Binley**

The Committee opened four tenders received for the above scheme in the following amounts:-

£142,492.00

£158,104.00

£168,783.00

£169,642.00

The estimated cost of the work was £140,000.00.

**Resolved** that subject to:-

- (a) the checking of the tender;
- (b) the preparation of a formal contract by the Clerk;
- (c) any necessary comments from the Government Departments concerned;

the tender submitted by William Gough amounting to £142,492.00, being the lowest received, be accepted.

**78/04      Death of Mr Draycott**

The Vice - Chair reported with sadness on the recent death of Mr Robin Draycott, a former Member of Solihull MBC and Member of the Authority. The Committee stood in silence tribute as a mark of respect for a former colleague.

(Meeting ended at 11.20 a.m.)

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