

EAST SUSSEX FIRE AUTHORITY

Report of a meeting of the East Sussex Fire Authority held at Fire & Rescue Service Headquarters at 10.30 hours on Thursday 7 June 2012.

Present: Councillors Carden, Fawthrop, Healy, Howson, Kenward, Livings, Ost, Pidgeon, Powell, Rufus, Scott, Sparks, Summers, Theobald, Thomas, Tidy and Waite

Also present: Mrs Redman, Chair of the Standards Panel and Mr Wheeler, Independent Person and Member of the Standards Panel.

1. Urgent Items and Chairman's Business

1.1 The Chairman welcomed Councillors Stephanie Powell and Christina Summers to their first meeting of the Fire Authority; they had replaced Councillors MacCafferty and Wakefield as two of the three Green Party Members from Brighton & Hove City Council. Councillors MacCafferty and Wakefield had been invited to attend this meeting, but Councillor Wakefield was away on holiday.

1.2 Councillor Livings welcomed Councillor MacCafferty to the meeting and presented him with a plaque in recognition of his work for the Fire Authority during the last twelve months. Councillor MacCafferty thanked the Chief Fire Officer & Chief Executive and his officers for an enjoyable year and wished everyone good luck for the future.

2. Note of the Panel Meetings held since the last meeting of the Fire Authority

2.1 The Fire Authority considered a report on the Panel meetings held since the meeting of the Fire Authority with regard to those issues of greater significance or requiring a decision from the Fire Authority.

2.2 The report of the Policy & Resources Panel meeting held on 24 May 2012 covered the current position on property options for the Sussex Control Centre (paragraph 10). Members had formally approved, on behalf of the Fire Authority, Haywards Heath Fire Station as the location for the Sussex Control Centre. Members noted that, once this decision had been ratified by West Sussex County Council, a formal announcement would be made and it was hoped that the project would now meet its deadline of September 2013. Although the original preference was for a stand-alone building, the costs had proved prohibitive and the accommodation at Haywards Heath Fire Station would realise considerable savings as it is an established building, owned by the Fire & Rescue Service.

Councillor John Livings
Chairman

11 June 2012

