

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 12 September 2013.

Present: Councillors Barnes, Buchanan, Butler, Carden, Earl, Galley, Hawtree, Howson, Lambert, Peltzer Dunn, Powell, Rufus, Sheppard, Taylor, Theobald and Wincott.

1. 2012/13 Performance Outcome Report

1.1 The Fire Authority has noted the overall performance improvement of the Service and its continuation to build upon achievements made in previous years and reducing the impact incidence of fire and other emergencies. A vital part of this improvement was due to community safety partnerships and education and Members were advised that a survey carried out by Sussex University had indicated an 80% success rate on the effectiveness of the LIFE course run by the Service.

2. Review Of Members Allowance Scheme

2.1 Members considered the report put forward by the Independent Remuneration Advisory Group following their review of the Members' Allowance Scheme which included a recommendation that the Scheme should remain unaltered except for any minor consequential amendments. The reviewed scheme is to be implemented with effect from 1 April 2014 for the years 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18.

3. Quarterly Report For April To June 2013

3.1 Members noted the quarterly performance results for the period April to June 2013. Members noted the reduction in the number of calls received but expressed concern that of the total calls received, 50% of those are to automatic false alarms (AFAs) which turn out to be false alarms. The Chief Fire Officer & Chief Executive advised that call challenging has been introduced which has reduced the numbers but many of the calls come from call monitoring centres which are not on the site of the alarm being sounded and therefore a response is made.

The Chief Fire Officer & Chief Executive informed Members that the Chief Fire Officers Association are currently considering advice on response options to

AFA's and the Fire Sector Federation had also commented on response arrangements made to AFA calls.

Councillor Philip Howson
Chairman

10 October 2013