

TAYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE BOARD

Minute of Meeting of the Tayside Fire and Rescue Board held in the Council Chambers, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Monday 28 January 2013 at 11.55am.

Present: Angus Council

Councillor P Valentine, B Bowles, R Myles and Provost H Oswald.

Dundee City Council

Councillors C Roberts, J Alexander, J Black, D Bowes, L Brennan, R McCready and G Cruickshank.

Perth and Kinross Council

Councillor A Munro, E Maclachlan, D Pover, A Stewart and W Wilson.

Also in attendance: D Boyle, M Nicolson and D Stapley (all Tayside Fire and Rescue); G Taylor, Clerk, J Symon, Treasurer and L Brown, Committee Officer (all Perth and Kinross Council).

Apologies for Absence: Councillor S Welsh (Angus Council) and Councillor J Coburn (Perth and Kinross Council).

Councillor P Valentine, Presiding

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

2. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of Tayside Fire and Rescue Board of 19 November 2012 was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(i) Managerial and Gold Command Resilience

With reference to Article 3 of the Board meeting of 19 November 2012, the Convener reported on the new arrangements which had been put in place to ensure that managerial and gold command resilience was maintained following recent management changes at Tayside Fire and Rescue. The Board noted that managerial capacity within Tayside Fire and Rescue had been supplemented with the return of Area Manager Fraser from his secondment to Scottish Government in December 2012 and that gold command resilience had been enhanced through the use of Area Managers Fraser and Stapley. The Board noted that Trade Unions had been advised of the new arrangements which had

been agreed in consultation with Steven Torrie, Her Majesty's Inspector for Fire and Rescue Services in Scotland (HMIFRS), the Convener and Vice Conveners of the Board and the Clerk and Treasurer to the Board.

(ii) Early Retirement and Voluntary Severance Scheme – Notes of Interest from Support Staff

With reference to Article 11 of the Board meeting of 19 November 2012, Acting Chief Fire Officer Boyle advised that 22 notes of interest had been received from Tayside Fire and Rescue support staff under the Early Retirement and Voluntary Severance Scheme and that a total of 130 notes of interest had been received across Scotland. The Board noted that the Acting Chief Fire Officer would provide a further update at the next meeting on 25 March 2013.

(iii) Progress Against Local Fire and Rescue Plans

With reference to Article 12 of the Board meeting of 19 November 2012, Acting Chief Officer Boyle advised that contact had been made with each of the Board's constituent councils on the Interim Local Fire and Rescue Plans for their area. The Board noted that governance and scrutiny arrangements, whilst established, were still at the development stage and would be further developed following the designation of the Local Senior Officer and the approval of the Interim Local Fire and Rescue Plans.

4. EXPENDITURE MONITORING REPORT 2012/13

There was submitted a joint report by the Acting Chief Fire Officer and Treasurer (FB/13/01) providing an update on the Board's projected revenue and capital expenditure for 2012/13 as at 31 December 2012.

Resolved:

- (i) The Board's financial position as at 31 December 2012 be noted.
- (ii) The amendment to revenue expenditure as detailed in paragraph 3.4 and the proposed capital investment as detailed paragraph 4 of Report FB/13/01 be approved.

5. TAYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORT – OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2012

There was submitted and noted a report by the Acting Chief Fire Officer (FB/13/02) presenting the Tayside Fire and Rescue Quarterly Activity Report for the third quarter of 2012/13.

6. PROPERTY TRANSFER ORDER – LIST OF INTERESTS TRANSFERRING TO THE SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE ON 1 APRIL 2013

There was submitted a report by the Acting Chief Fire Officer (FB/13/03) providing a list of Tayside Fire and Rescue's property interests and seeking agreement that this represents a full and complete list of the Board's property interests which will transfer to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service on 1 April 2013.

Resolved:

It be agreed that the list of property interests particular to the Tayside area, as identified by the Properties, Rights, Liabilities and Obligations Group and detailed in Appendix A to Report FB/13/03, is a full and complete list of all the Board's property interests eligible to transfer to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service on 1 April 2013.

7. OFFICE OF THE SCOTTISH INFORMATION COMMISSIONER (OSIC) DECISION 194/2012

There was submitted and noted a joint report by the Acting Chief Fire Officer and Clerk (FB/13/04) advising of a decision by the Scottish Information Commissioner in respect of an application for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and of the actions taken in light of this decision.

