

TAYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE BOARD

Minute of Meeting of the Tayside Fire and Rescue Board held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Monday 16 November 2009 at 11.00am.

Present: Angus Council
Councillors J Whyte, D Fairweather, R Myles, H Oswald and P Valentine.

Dundee City Council
Councillors C Roberts, Bailies R Wallace and H Wright, Councillors J Black (substituting for Councillor E Fordyce), D Bowes, A Dawson and R McCready.

Perth and Kinross Council
Councillors K Lyall, A MacLellan, P Mulheron, L Simpson and A Stewart.

Also in attendance: S Hunter, A Hay, D Boyle and J Iannetta (all Tayside Fire and Rescue); G Taylor, Clerk; J Symon, Treasurer; and L Brown, Committee Officer; and C Wylie and M Richardson (both Henderson Loggie).

Councillor K Lyall, Presiding

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

2. MEMBERSHIP OF TAYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE BOARD

The Board noted that Angus Council, at its meeting on 5 November 2009, had agreed that Councillor Paul Valentine replace Councillor Sandy West as a member of Tayside Fire and Rescue Board.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of Tayside Fire and Rescue Board of 24 August 2009 was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

4. AUDIT OF TAYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE BOARD 2008/2009 AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2008/2009

There was submitted a Joint Report by the Chief Fire Officer and Treasurer (FB/09/30) presenting: (1) the report on the audit of Tayside Fire and Rescue Board for 2008/2009 conducted by Henderson Loggie, External Auditors, and (2) the Board's Statement of Accounts for 2008/2009. The Treasurer advised of a qualification to the accounts which was of a technical nature relating to the new firefighters pension scheme introduced on 6 April 2006. Currently,

there was no legislation to allow the impact of the required accounting treatment for the new pension scheme to be charged to the pensions reserve. As a result, the FRS17 calculated costs for the new pension scheme would be charged to the General Fund from the inception of the scheme. The Board noted it was anticipated that this would be corrected by legislative action during the 2009/2010 financial year.

C Wylie of Henderson Loggie was present to answer questions from members on the findings of the Audit and progress being made.

Resolved:

- (i) The terms of Report FB/09/30 and the attached Report to Members on the 2008/2009 Audit be noted.
- (ii) The statement of accounts of Tayside Fire and Rescue Board for 2008/2009, appended to Report FB/09/30, be approved.

5. EXPENDITURE MONITORING 2009/2010

There was submitted and noted a joint report by the Chief Fire Officer and Treasurer (FB/09/31) providing an update on the position of the Board's projected revenue and capital expenditure for 2009/2010 as at 30 September 2009.

6. SINGLE EQUALITY SCHEME AND ACTION PLAN DECEMBER 2009 TO DECEMBER 2012

There was submitted a report by the Chief Fire Officer (FB/09/32) seeking approval for the publication of Tayside Fire and Rescue's Single Equality Scheme and Action Plan for the period December 2009 to December 2012.

Resolved:

- (i) The Single Equality Scheme and Action Plan for the period December 2009 to December 2012, as appended to Report FB/09/32, be approved.
- (ii) The Chief Fire Officer be instructed to make the necessary arrangements for the publication of the Scheme.

7. SHARED SERVICES INITIATIVE

There was submitted a report by the Chief Fire Officer (FB/09/33) advising: (1) of the commencement of a shared services initiative involving Tayside, Fife and Central Scotland Fire and Rescue Services; and (2) seeking approval to develop the initiative for the benefit of the three Fire and Rescue Services involved and the communities they jointly serve.

Resolved:

The terms of Report FB/09/33 be noted and the further development of the Shared Services Initiative for the benefit of the three Fire and Rescue Services involved, and the communities they jointly serve, be approved.

8. TAYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORT JULY – SEPTEMBER 2009

There was submitted a report by the Chief Fire Officer (FB/09/34) advising members of the production of the second Tayside Fire and Rescue Quarterly Activity Report for 2009/10.

Councillors Whyte and Oswald extended their thanks to the Chief Fire Officer and local firefighters for the support and assistance provided to the local communities in Angus during the recent flooding in that area. Thereafter the Chief Fire Officer answered a number of questions from members on the report, in particular in relation to the number of home fire safety visits undertaken, standbys per station and incidents in other station areas.

Motion (Councillors H Oswald and R McCready) – The Chief Fire Officer be requested to include information in future quarterly activity reports on standbys per station and incidents in other station areas.

Amendment (Councillors K Lyall and J Whyte) – The information contained within the Quarterly Activity Report remain as at present.

In terms of Standing Order 36, a roll call vote was taken.

9 members voted for the Amendment as follows:

Councillors J Black, D Bowes, A Dawson, D Fairweather, K Lyall, R Myles, P Mulheron, C Roberts and J Whyte.

8 members voted for the Motion as follows:

Bailies R Wallace and H Wright; and Councillors R McCready, A MacLellan, H Oswald, L Simpson, A Stewart and P Valentine.

Resolved:

In accordance with the Amendment.

9. TOWARDS A SAFER TAYSIDE 2010/2011 – CONSULTATION PROCESS

There was submitted a report by the Chief Fire Officer (FB/09/35) seeking approval for the publication and distribution of the *Towards a Safer Tayside 2010/2011* consultation document, which will inform key stakeholders of the proposed changes to the services delivered by Tayside Fire and Rescue and the way in which the services will be delivered.

The Chief Fire Officer answered a number of questions from members on the consultation document, in particular, in relation to the inclusion of the proposals involving Balmossie and Forfar Fire Stations.

Motion (Bailie R Wallace and Councillor R McCready) – Tayside Fire and Rescue Board agree that reference to proposals for Balmossie and Forfar Fire Stations be deleted from the consultation document, but otherwise the document be approved for consultation.

Amendment (Councillors K Lyall and C Roberts) – Tayside Fire and Rescue Board approve the *Towards a Safer Tayside 2010/2011* consultation document as submitted.

In terms of Standing Order 36, a roll call vote was taken.

11 members voted for the Amendment as follows:

Councillors J Black, D Bowes, A Dawson, D Fairweather, K Lyall, P Mulheron, R Myles, C Roberts, L Simpson, P Valentine and J Whyte.

6 members voted for the Motion as follows:

Bailies R Wallace and H Wright; Councillors R McCready, A MacLellan H Oswald, and A Stewart.

Resolved:

In accordance with the Amendment.