
CLEVELAND FIRE AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

2 JUNE 2017



PRESENT:

HARTLEPOOL BOROUGH COUNCIL
Cllrs Rob Cook, Marjorie James

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL
Cllrs Jan Brunton, Teresa Higgins, Naweed Hussain, Tom Mawston

REDCAR & CLEVELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL
Cllrs Neil Bendelow, Ray Goddard, Mary Ovens,

STOCKTON ON TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL
Cllrs Gillian Corr, Jean O'Donnell, Paul Kirton, Mick Stoker, William Woodhead

AUTHORISED OFFICERS
Director of Corporate Services, Legal Adviser and Monitoring Officer,
Treasurer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Ray Martin-Wells - Hartlepool Borough Council
Councillor Norah Cooney - Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

The Clerk sought nominations for the position of Chair of Cleveland Fire Authority for 2017/18.

Councillor Jan Brunton was subsequently proposed and seconded with Members voting 12 votes in favour with Councillors Cook and James abstaining.

RESOLVED – that Councillor Jan Brunton be appointed Chair of Cleveland Fire Authority for 2017/18.

Councillor Brunton in the Chair

The Chair placed on record the Authority's thanks to Councillor Brian Dennis for the commitment and support he had given during his time as a Member of Cleveland Fire Authority.

The Chair welcomed back to the Authority Councillor Ray Goddard from Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council.

2. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTEREST

It was noted no Declarations of Interests were submitted to the meeting.

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

The Chair sought nominations for the position of Vice Chair to Cleveland Fire Authority for 2017/18. Councillors Jean O'Donnell and Rob Cook were proposed and seconded. Members voted 10 in favour of Councillor O'Donnell and 3 in favour of Councillor Cook.

RESOLVED – that Councillor Jean O'Donnell be appointed as Vice Chair of Cleveland Fire Authority for 2017/18.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Cleveland Fire Authority meeting on 31 March 2017 be confirmed.

5. REPORT OF THE LEGAL ADVISER AND MONITORING OFFICER

5.1 Business Report 2017/18

Members agreed that the report be deferred to the 9 June 2017 meeting.

RESOLVED – that the Business Report 2017/18 be deferred to Cleveland Fire Authority Ordinary Meeting on 9 June 2017.

5.2 Appointment of Independent Persons

The Legal Adviser and Monitoring Officer (LAMO) informed Members that the term of office for the current Independent Persons was due to end on 30 June 2017. He reported that following a recruitment campaign, eleven application forms were received and four candidates shortlisted for interview by the Executive (Appointments) Committee at its meeting on 21 April 2017, whereby Messrs Richard Harwood and Mike Hill were recommended for appointment as Independent Persons by the Fire Authority.

RESOLVED – that Mr Richard Harwood and Mr Michael Hill be appointed as Independent Persons to the Cleveland Fire Authority from 1 July 2017 for a four year term of office.

6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (VARIATION ORDER) 2006

RESOLVED - "That under Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business, on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 of Part 1 Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006", namely information relating to any financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority) holding that information.

7. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Confidential Minutes of the Cleveland Fire Authority on 31 March 2017 be confirmed.

**COUNCILLOR JAN BRUNTON
CHAIR**