

CLEVELAND FIRE AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

8 JULY 2022



PRESENT

CHAIR

Councillor Paul Kirton – Stockton on Tees Borough Council

HARTLEPOOL BOROUGH COUNCIL

Councillor Ben Clayton

STOCKTON ON TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

Councillors Lynn Hall, Jean O'Donnell

REDCAR & CLEVELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

Councillor Mary Ovens

AUTHORISED OFFICERS

Chief Fire Officer, ACFO – Community Protection, Deputy Treasurer,
Legal Adviser & Monitoring Officer

APOLOGIES:

Councillors Naweed Hussain, Tom Mawston – Middlesbrough Council
ACFO – Strategic Planning & Resources

22. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

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

23. MINUTES

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the Executive Committee on 20 May 2022 be confirmed.

24. REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

24.1 Review of Health & Safety Policy

The Assistant Chief Fire Officer - Community Protection reported that the Health & Safety Policy had been revised in line with the requirements of the Health & Safety at Work Act 1974. He referred Members to Appendix A which highlighted the changes including:

- A revised organisational structure
- The introduction of a dedicated Health and Safety Audit and Compliance Officer role
- The establishment of a Health and Safety Strategic Committee
- Reorganisation of the Health and Safety Sub Committee
- New terms of reference for the above Committees
- Introduction of the Health and Safety Strategy 2022-2026, which includes six strategic outcomes: Compliance; Competency; Culture; Communications; Controls; Workforce Health and Safety

24.1 Review of Health & Safety Policy cont.

The ACFO CP confirmed that the FBU and UNISON had been consulted on the changes and feedback considered.

RESOLVED – that the revised Health & Safety Policy be approved.

25. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (VARIATION ORDER)

2006 “That Under Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 3, 4 and 7 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 individual; information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority) holding that information and namely information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority; namely information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.”

26. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

RESOLVED - that the Confidential Minutes of the Executive Committee on 20 May 2022 be confirmed.

27. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

27.1 Government White Paper: ‘Reforming our Fire and Rescue Service’

Members considered a response to the government’s consultation on Fire Reform.

27.2 Pay Claim 2022

The CFO provided Members with details of Pay Claims for 2022 for both Grey and Grey Book conditions.

27.3 HMICFRS Inspection 2022 – verbal update

The CFO provided members with feedback from the ‘hot debrief’ following an eight week inspection by HMICFRS.

27.4 Procurement Update Report

Members received details relating to contract letting procedures, exemptions to contract procedure rule and future procurement plans.

27.5 Lease of Emergency Response Vehicles – Tender acceptance

Members considered the results of the Brigade analysis of the tenders received for the Lease of Emergency Response Vehicles.

27.6 Provision of Network Services - Tender Acceptance

Members considered the results of the Brigade analysis of the tenders received for the Provision of Network Services.

**COUNCILLOR PAUL KIRTON
CHAIR**