



**Wednesday,  
7 December 2016  
10.30 am**

**Meeting of  
Fire Authority  
Fire Service HQ  
Winsford**

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## **Cheshire Fire Authority**

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## **MEETING OF THE FIRE AUTHORITY**

**WEDNESDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2016**

**Time : 10.30 am**

**Lecture Theatre - Fire Service Headquarters, Winsford, Cheshire**

### **AGENDA**

#### **Part 1 - Business to be discussed in public**

##### **1 PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

###### **1A Recording of Meeting**

Members are reminded that this meeting will be audio-recorded.

###### **1B Apologies for Absence**

###### **1C Chair's Announcements**

To receive any announcements that the Chair wishes to make prior to the commencement of the formal business of the meeting.

###### **1D Declaration of Members' Interests**

Members are reminded that the Members' Code of Conduct requires the disclosure of Statutory Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Non-Statutory Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Disclosable Non-Pecuniary Interests.

###### **1E Minutes of Fire Authority Meeting**

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Fire Authority meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016.

(Pages 1 - 10)

###### **1F Minutes of Policy Committee**

The meeting of the Policy Committee scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016 was cancelled.

###### **1G Minutes of Performance and Overview Committee**

To receive, for information, the minutes of the Performance and Overview Committee meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

(Pages 11 - 16)

###### **1H Minutes of Governance and Constitution Committee**

To receive, for information, the minutes of the Governance and Constitution Committee meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

(Pages 17 - 20)

###### **1I Minutes of Brigade Managers' Pay and Performance Committee**

To receive, for information, the minutes of the Brigade Managers' Pay and Performance Committee meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

(Pages 21 - 22)

- 1J Notes of the Member Training and Development Group** (Pages 23 - 26)  
To receive, for information, the notes of the Member Training and Development Group meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

## **ITEMS REQUIRING DISCUSSION / DECISION**

- 2 2017-18 Draft Budget, Council Tax and Medium Term Financial Plan** (Pages 27 - 36)
- 3 Annual Audit Letter for Cheshire Fire Authority: Year ended 31st March 2016** (Pages 37 - 48)
- 4 Appointment of External Auditors** (Pages 49 - 52)
- 5 Treasury Management- Mid Year Report 2016-17** (Pages 53 - 56)
- 6 Unwanted Fire Signals - Policy Proposals** (Pages 57 - 68)
- 7 Member Development Strategy 2017-18** (Pages 69 - 80)
- 8 Timetable of Meetings 2017-18** (Pages 81 - 84)
- 9 Blue Light Collaboration - Further Change to Scope** (Pages 85 - 86)
- 10 Exclusion of Press and Public** (Pages 87 - 88)

## **PART 2 - BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE**

- 11 Proposals Relating to Chester Fire Station** (Pages 89 - 110)