



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STAFFING COMMITTEE held on Wednesday, 15 January 2020 at Leadership Team Conference Room - Fire Service, Clemonds Hey at 11.30 am

PRESENT: Councillors Bob Rudd, Michael Beanland, Stef Nelson, Stuart Parker and Morgan Tarr

1 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

A Recording of Meeting

As the only report on the agenda was to be discussed in private the meeting was not audio recorded.

B Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mike Biggin.

C Declaration of Members' Interests

There were no declarations of Members' interest.

D Minutes of the Staffing Committee

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Staffing Committee held on 23rd October 2019 be confirmed as a correct record.

2 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That under Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Order 2006, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the items of business listed below on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12 A to the Act in the paragraphs indicated:

Item 3:

Pension Abatement and the Training of On Call Firefighters

Paragraph

- (1) Information relating to an individual;**
- (3) Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)**

3 PENSION ABATEMENT AND THE TRAINING OF ON CALL FIREFIGHTERS

At the meeting of the Staffing Committee on 18th September 2019, Members considered a report which contained details of an issue that had arisen concerning pension abatement that had the potential to impact upon the recruitment and training of on-call firefighters.

Normally, a retired firefighter that was re-employed would see their pension abated in whole or in part so that the pay in the new role plus the pension did not exceed the pay prior to retirement. In exceptional circumstances Staffing Committee was able to decide that abatement should not occur. If it did so the Authority was obliged to pay into the pension fund an amount equal to the sum that would have been abated.

Members had agreed in September that the circumstances were exceptional and that pension abatement should not take place. Officers had confirmed that they were reviewing the situation with a view to avoiding pension abatement issues in the future and Members had asked for a further report in January 2020.

Following the Staffing Committee decision on the 18th September, the On-Call Programme Team carried out a review into the way in which On-Call Module 1 courses were being delivered. The review led to the team establishing a range of delivery options which would provide resilience and ensure that the necessary training would be properly resourced.

RESOLVED: That

- [1] the contents of the report be noted.**