



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FIRE AUTHORITY held on Wednesday, 6 December 2017 at Lecture Theatre - Fire Service HQ, Sadler Road, Winsford, Cheshire at 10.30 am

PRESENT: Councillors D Bailey, D Beckett, M Biggin, D Flude, P Harris, E Johnson, N Jones, D Mahon, D Marren, J Mercer, G Merry, K Mundry, S Nelson, R Polhill, B Rudd, J Saunders, T Sherlock, M Simon, J Weatherill and S Wright

Supplementary Questions from the Public and Responses

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Mr Andy Spencer
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Dear Mr Spencer

Supplementary Question raised at the Cheshire Fire Authority meeting on 6th December 2017

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CFRS Standard Operational Procedures indicate an immediate 4 pump Attendance to Cloudburst incidents under CIMA and COMAH regs. How can the Authority guarantee such an immediate attendance given the significant reduction in Wholetime Appliances.

The Community Risk Register identifies a significant number of sites in the Ellesmere Port area 7 in total.

Response

In response to your supplementary question raised at the Cheshire Fire Authority on 6th December, I confirm that Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service can continue to guarantee an immediate attendance at COMAH sites, as there has been no change to the mobilisation and predetermined attendance criteria for these sites. The immediate 4 pump attendance to Cloudburst incidents will be mobilised by the North West Fire Control utilising the available appliances with the quickest response times.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Mr Jones

**Supplementary Question raised at the Cheshire Fire Authority meeting on
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As the Fire Authority, almost in it's entirety is in attendance today; could I ask through the chair if each and every individual member is not only fully conversant with but also equally comfortable with their legal responsibilities, under the Fire Service Act 2004; with regards the provision of Fire Services to the whole of Cheshire, Halton and Warrington. For the avoidance of doubt, perhaps the Chairman could request a show of hands from members in this regard?

Response

I personally am comfortable with the legal responsibilities associated with my role as a member of the Fire Authority. I don't believe that I need to be fully conversant with all aspects of the legislation that applies to the work of the fire and rescue service as I rely upon the advice and support of a range of professional officers.

I believe that other members of the Authority will have a similar view, but intend to discuss your question with them at a planning day in January 2018.

I will write to you again.

Yours sincerely



Cllr Bob Rudd
Chair, Cheshire Fire Authority