



Minutes

Full Authority

Date: 18 September 2020

Time: 10:30

Venue: Microsoft Teams

Present: Councillor D O'Donovan (Chair), Akhtar, Almas, Anderson, Downes, Fenton-Glynn, Grahame, Hall, Harrand, Hunt, Jenkins, Kirton, Mohammed, Pervaiz, Pollard, Renshaw, Shaheen, Sunderland, Tait, Tulley and Wenham

In Attendance: None

Apologies: Cllr Austin

14 Chair's announcements

None

15 Admission of the public

The meeting determined that there were no items which required the exclusion of the public and press.

16 Urgent items

There were no urgent items to be considered at the meeting.

17 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest made in any matter under consideration at the meeting.

18 Minutes of meeting held on 25 June 2020

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the last meeting held on 25 June 2020 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

19 Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the previous Minutes.

20 Minutes of Committees held since 25 June 2020 and of other relevant Outside Bodies

Members raised the following items:

- Human Resources Committee - minutes of meeting held on 10 July 2020 agenda item 9, that assurance has been received that the additional costs incurred are to be met by the Government.
- Community Safety Committee – minutes of meeting held 24 July 2020 agenda item 6, that a report on chip pan fires is to be brought to the next meeting of the Community Safety Committee.
- Finance and Resources Committee – minutes of meeting held 17 July 2020 agenda item 7, confirmation that the additional resource of £2million has not been spent.

RESOLVED

That the minutes be noted.

21 Performance Management reports - 1 April 2019 – 31 March 2020 and 1 April 20 – 30 June 2020

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Legal and Governance Officer which advised of the Authority's performance for the period 1 April to 30 June 2020 against key performance indicators. A copy of the latest figures up to 16 September 2020 was presented at the meeting for Members' information and the Director of Service Delivery gave a verbal update on absences due to COVID19 and attacks on firefighters.

The following specific areas were raised by Members;

- That they are made aware of the outcome of any prosecutions
- Assurance sought that staff welfare is looked after following any attack
- That the data which has been skewed by the COVID19 pandemic will be adjusted to mitigate any effects on averages

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

22 Integrated Risk Management Plan 2021-22 Outcome of Consultation

The Director of Service Support submitted a report which presented an overview of the consultation undertaken and gave details of the feedback received on the IRMP 2021-22 proposal to relocate Cleckheaton Fire Station to FSHQ. It was reported that the consultation has provided valuable feedback but that no significant issues have been highlighted during the consultation and that no amendments to the business case are required.

The following specific areas were the subject of questioning by Members;

- Traffic impact assessment report
- Concerns regarding building work and Chain Bar Roundabout/M62 exit
- No loss of jobs or reduction in service
- Confirmation that no stations in the district are exempt from closure
- Excellent consultation overall

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

23 IRMP 2021-22 Final Proposal

The Director of Service Support submitted a report to confirm that following the 8-week consultation period the proposal had been reviewed and there were no amendments required to the business case. Members were requested to give their approval to implement the recommendation to relocate the Fire Station currently based on Hightown Road, Cleckheaton to West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Headquarters, Birkenshaw.

Members sought further clarification of the following:

- That there are no severe financial detriments caused by the expenditure
- That response times are still within the approved allowance
- That a traffic impact assessment will be completed as part of the planning application

A proposal was made by Councillor Sunderland and seconded by Councillor Hall that the decision to relocate Cleckheaton Fire Station be deferred until a traffic impact assessment had been completed. The vote was recorded as 9 For (Councillors Anderson, Downes, Hall, Harrand, Hunt, Kirton, Pervaiz, Pollard and Sunderland) and 12 Against (Councillors Akhtar, Almas, Fenton-Glynn, Grahame, Jenkins, Mohammed, O'Donovan, Renshaw, Shaheen Tait, Tulley and Wenham).

The proposal to defer the decision was declared lost.

Members then voted on the proposal to approve the relocation. The vote was recorded as 13 For (Councillors Akhtar, Almas, Fenton-Glynn, Grahame, Jenkins, Mohammed, O'Donovan, Pervaiz, Renshaw, Shaheen Tait, Tulley and Wenham; 2 Against,

(Councillors Downes and Sunderland) and 6 Abstain (Councillors Anderson, Hall, Harrand, Hunt, Kirton and Pollard).

The proposal to approve the relocation was declared won.

RESOLVED

That approval be given to implement the relocation of the Fire Station.

24 External Appraisal of the WYFRS Integrated Risk Management Model

The Director of Service Support submitted a report to summarise the appraisal of the Integrated Risk Management Model (IRMM) to risk assessment by Operational Research in Health (ORH). The report concludes the following main points:

- Technical assessment
ORH have concluded that they have no concerns regarding the technical validity of the model.
- Methodology review
The appraisal undertaken by ORH concludes that the approach taken by WYFRS is robust.
- Benchmarking
ORH have applied the model regionally and nationally against all FRS data. ORH have concluded that the benchmarking demonstrates the relationships shown within West Yorkshire is true elsewhere, thus adding weight to the approach.

Their appraisal provides assurance that the IRMM is a robust model which can be trusted to inform future IRMPs.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

25 Grenfell Update

The Area Manager of the Grenfell Programme submitted a report to present a brief overview of the gap analysis undertaken following the release of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry: Phase 1 Report and the progress made against the objectives and action plan of the Grenfell Programme along with the wider impacts of the incident. The report advised the following key conclusions:

- Following the publication of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry Phase 1 Report, there has been and continues to be a ripple of changes through FRSs, locally, regionally and nationally, along with changes to legislation and wider fire safety guidance.
- The Grenfell programme and action plan provide WYFRS and the Fire Authority with the assurance that we will be in a position to meet as many of the Phase 1 recommendations as possible in a suitable timeframe. However, a number of these

are subject to outside influence, such as changes to legislation, and publication of guidance from external sources.

- A number of additional areas of spend have been identified within the report/action plan, however further detailed planning and analysis will be required following other changes, such as legislation, before being able to provide estimated costs and timeframes.

Members raised the following observations:

- That the reports from the ongoing Manchester Arena Bombing also be considered alongside the Grenfell reports.
- That local authorities should be involved.
- That a full report is presented to each Community Safety Committee.
- That training began immediately following the fire and is ongoing and planned in for the future.
- That contact with the responsible person for all high-rise residential properties is maintained.
- That the specific buildings have provided acceptable time frames for reparation of cladding.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

Chair