

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
AUTHORITY (AGM)**

**HELD ON 23rd JUNE 2016**

**Present:**

Councillor David Acton (Chairman), Councillor Tommy Judge (Vice-Chairman), Councillor John Bell (Deputy Chairman), Mohammed Ayub, Walter Brett, Stephen Coen, Basil Curley, Jim Dawson, Grace Fletcher-Hackwood, Chris Goodwin, Joan Grimshaw, Daniel Hawthorne, Derek Heffernan, June Hitchen, Barrie Holland, Mike Hurleston, Jan Jackson, Afia Kamal, Iain Lindley, Alan Matthews, Amna Mir, John O'Brien, Shaun O'Neill, Brian Rigby, Noel Spencer, Fred Walker, Paul Wild, Steve Williams and Michael Whetton

Also in Attendance: Peter O'Reilly (County Fire Officer and Chief Executive), Paul Argyle (Deputy County Fire Officer), Tony Clarke (Assistant Director - Finance, Wigan Council), Geoff Harris (Director of Prevention and Protection), Andrea Heffernan (Director of Corporate Support), Dave Keelan (Director of Emergency Response), Gwynne Williams (Deputy Clerk and Authority Solicitor), Shelley Wright (Director of Corporate Communications), Ben Levy (Rostering Projects Manager) and Donna Parker (Democratic Services Manager)

**1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN 2016/17**

The Clerk invited nominations for the appointment of Chairman of the Authority for the municipal year 2016/17.

Councillor David Acton having been so nominated, it was:

Resolved: That Councillor David Acton be appointed Chairman of the Authority for 2016/17.

Councillor David Acton thereupon took the Chair.

**2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN 2016/17**

The Chairman invited nominations for the appointment of Vice-Chairman of the Authority for the municipal year 2016/17.

Councillor Tommy Judge having been so nominated, it was:

Resolved: That Councillor Tommy Judge be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Authority for 2016/17.

### **3. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN 2016/17**

The Chairman invited nominations for the appointment of Deputy Chairman of the Authority for the municipal year 2016/17.

Councillor John Bell having been so nominated, it was:

Resolved: That Councillor John Bell be appointed Deputy Chairman of the Authority for 2016/17.

### **4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Shaun O'Neill declared a Discloseable Pecuniary Interest in 'Minute 20 - Options and Proposals for Implementation of a Revised Shift Duty System' by virtue of receiving sponsorship from the Fire Brigades Union. He did not participate in any discussion or vote thereon.

### **5. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor James Grundy.

### **6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **7. URGENT BUSINESS (IF ANY)**

There were no items of urgent business submitted.

### **8. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. The Chairman advised Members that the meeting of the Fire Authority was going to be 'live streamed' and would be available to the public via YouTube to watch either live or retrospectively.
2. The Chairman welcomed Councillors Chris Goodwin, Joan Grimshaw, Mike Hurleston, Janet Jackson, Noel Spencer and Peter Taylor to their first meeting of the Authority and thanked former Councillors Sharon Briggs, Lynda Byrne, Jim Dawson, Jim Ellis, Bernard Judge, Michael Smith and John Wright for their contribution to the work of the Authority over the years.
3. The Chairman advised that the following 9 fire stations were being used as Polling Stations in the EU Referendum on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2016:-
  - Agecroft (Salford)
  - Broughton (Salford)
  - Hindley (Wigan)
  - Heywood (Rochdale)

- Leigh (Wigan)
- Littleborough (Rochdale)
- Rochdale (Rochdale)
- Offerton (Stockport)
- Stalybridge (Tameside)

4. The Chairman advised that a 'Member Visit to the New Operational and Community Safety Training Centre' in Bury would be taking place on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2016 commencing at 1.00am till approx. 2.00pm. The visit had been arranged to allow Members to view the progress at the site prior to handover in October 2016. A minibus would be available from FSHQ at 12.30pm to take Members to Bury if they so wished. It would be appreciated if Members could confirm their attendance to Donna Parker, Democratic Services Manager
5. The Chairman invited all Members along with their friends and families to attend the annual Emergency Services Open Day on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at 11.00am at the Trafford Centre outside the Orient. Further information would be available nearer the time.
6. The Chairman reminded all Members to complete their Declaration of Interest Forms and return them to Donna Parker, Democratic Services Manager.

**9. QUESTIONS (IF ANY) UNDER STANDING ORDER 7**

There were no questions submitted.

**10. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Resolved: That the public be excluded from the meeting when the following item is considered for the reason set out below:

Agenda Item No.	Title	Minute No.	Description of Exempt Information by reference to the paragraph number(s) in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972
E.1	Potential Relocation of Fire Service Headquarters and Training and Development Centre: Paper 2	26.	3 (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information))

## 11. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES 2016/17

Consideration was given to a report of the Clerk which sought approval of the Terms of Reference and Delegation of Powers to Committees and to appoint Members to the Authority's Committees/Panel for the 2016/17 Municipal Year.

Resolved: That:

1. The Terms of Reference/Delegations to Committees and Panels for the 2016/17 municipal year, as detailed at Appendix 2 of the report, be approved.
2. The Timetable of Meetings for the 2016/17 municipal year, as detailed at Appendix 3 of the report, be noted.
3. The Authority's Committees be constituted for the 2016/17 municipal year as detailed below:-

Committee	Membership 2016/17
Service Delivery Committee (15 Members)	Councillor John O'Brien (Chairman), Grace Fletcher-Hackwood (Vice-Chairman), Councillors David Acton, John Bell, Daniel Hawthorne, Michael Hurleston, Janet Jackson, Afia Kamal, Iain Lindley, Amna Mir, Shaun O'Neill, Peter Taylor, Fred Walker, Michael Whetton and Steve Williams
Policy, Resources and Performance Committee (15 Members)	Councillor David Acton (Chairman), Tommy Judge (Vice-Chairman), Councillors John Bell, Walter Brett, Stephen Coen, Basil Curley, Joan Grimshaw, James Grundy, Barrie Holland, Derek Heffernan, June Hitchen, John O'Brien, Brian Rigby, Fred Walker, and Paul Wild
Collaboration and Integration Panel (10 Members plus Chairman of the Authority)	Councillor David Acton (Chairman), Councillor Barrie Holland (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Mohammed Ayub, John Bell, Chris Goodwin, Daniel Hawthorne, Tommy Judge, Alan Matthews, Shaun O'Neill, Peter Taylor and Brian Rigby
Audit, Scrutiny and Standards Committee (Standing Order 27 Suspended) (9 Members)	Councillor Michael Whetton (Chairman) Derek Heffernan (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Walter Brett, June Hitchen, Barrie Holland, Joan Grimshaw, Alan Matthews, Noel Spencer and Paul Wild;

	Lisa Hindle and Francis Walsh (Independent Members)
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## **12. AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP 2016/17 AND RE-APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS TO THE AUDIT, SCRUTINY & STANDARDS COMMITTEE AND THE INDEPENDENT PERSON**

The Authority noted a report of the Clerk giving details of notifications of changes of membership which had been received from district councils for the 2016/17 municipal year.

In addition approval was sought to the continuation of the appointment of the current two Independent Members of the Authority's Audit, Scrutiny and Standards Committee and Independent Person for a further year.

Resolved: That all changes having taken effect by 19<sup>th</sup> June 2016 the Authority's Membership for the 2016/17 municipal year was now as follows:-

BOLTON	Councillor Mohammed Ayub	Labour
	Councillor Noel Spencer	Labour
	Councillor Paul Wild	Conservative
BURY	Councillor Alan Matthews	Labour
	Councillor Joan Grimshaw	Labour
MANCHESTER	Councillor Basil Curley	Labour
	Councillor Grace Fletcher-Hackwood	Labour
	Councillor June Hitchen	Labour
	Councillor Tommy Judge	Labour
	Councillor Afia Kamal	Labour
OLDHAM	Councillor Derek Heffernan	Liberal Democrat
	Councillor Chris Goodwin	Labour
	Councillor Steve Williams	Labour
ROCHDALE	Councillor Amna Mir	Labour
	Councillor Shaun O'Neill	Labour
SALFORD	Councillor Stephen Coen	Labour
	Councillor Peter Taylor	Labour
	Councillor Iain Lindley	Conservative
STOCKPORT	Councillor Walter Brett	Labour
	Councillor Daniel Hawthorne	Liberal Democrat
	Councillor Michael Hurleston	Conservative
TAMESIDE	Councillor John Bell	Conservative
	Councillor Barrie Holland	Labour
	Councillor Janet Jackson	Labour

TRAFFORD	Councillor David Acton Councillor Brian Rigby Councillor Michael Whetton	Labour Conservative Conservative
WIGAN	Councillor James Grundy Councillor John O'Brien Councillor Fred Walker	Conservative Labour Labour

2. The appointment of Mr J. Stone as Independent Person be extended for a further year.
3. The appointment of Mr F. Walsh and Ms L. Hindle as Independent Members of the Authority's Audit, Scrutiny and Standards Committee be extended for a further year.

### **13. GMFRA APPOINTMENTS 2016/17**

The Clerk submitted a report requesting the Authority to nominate Members to serve as Trustee of Greater Manchester Fire Service Museum Trust and on the Pension Board – Firefighters' Pension Scheme for the 2016/17 municipal year.

Resolved: That Members be nominated to serve for the 2016/17 municipal year as follows:

Appointment	Membership 2016/17
Trustee of the Greater Fire Service Museum Trust	Councillor Shaun O'Neill Councillor Amna Mir (Substitute)
Pension Board – Firefighters' Pension Scheme	Chairman of the Authority

### **14. NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO ANSWER QUESTIONS 2016/17**

The Clerk submitted a report requesting the Authority to consider, pursuant to Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985, the appointment of a Member of each constituent council to answer on behalf of the Authority questions raised during the course of meetings of their councils in relation to the discharge of the functions of the Authority.

Resolved: That Members be nominated for the purpose of Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985 for the 2016/17 municipal year as follows:-

Bolton	Councillor Mohammed Ayub
Bury	Councillor Alan Matthews
Manchester	Councillor Tommy Judge
Oldham	Councillor Steve Williams

Rochdale	Councillor Shaun O'Neill
Salford	Councillor Stephen Coen
Stockport	Councillor Walter Brett
Tameside	Councillor Barrie Holland
Trafford	Councillor David Acton
Wigan	Councillor Fred Walker

## 15. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2016/17

The Clerk submitted a report requesting the Authority to determine its representation on outside bodies for the 2016/17 municipal year.

Resolved: That Members be appointed to represent the Authority on outside bodies for the 2016/17 municipal year as follows:-

Outside Body	Representation 2016/17
LGA Fire Commission	Chairman of the Authority Vice-Chairman of the Authority Leader of the Opposition
LGA Annual Assembly	Fire Commission representatives (Chairman authorised to cast the Authority's vote)
North West Fire Forum	Chairman of the Authority Vice-Chairman of the Authority Leader of the Opposition
Directors of the North West Fire Control Limited	Chairman of the Authority Councillor Fred Walker (Councillor Steve Williams - Substitute)
North West Employers	Councillor Fred Walker
AGMA Executive Board	Chairman of the Authority (or Deputy)
Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMAC)	Chairman of the Authority (or Deputy)
Association of Metropolitan Fire and Rescue Authorities (AMFRA)	Chairman of the Authority Vice-Chairman of the Authority (Councillor Basil Curley - Substitute)
Greater Manchester Centre for Voluntary Organisations (GMCVO)	Councillor Grace Fletcher-Hackwood

## **16. MEMBER CHAMPION APPOINTMENTS 2016/17**

The Clerk submitted a report which requested the Authority to nominate Members to serve as Member Champions for the 2016/17 municipal year.

The Member Champion subject areas had been reviewed and updated in line with GMFRS's main priorities for the 2016/17 Municipal Year. The changes included renaming the Member Champion subject areas for Community Risk Intervention Teams, Sprinklers, Road Safety and Health and Safety to fall in line with the Prevention and Protection Directorate's main priorities, namely:

- Member Champion for Fire Protection
- Member Champion for Public Service Reform
- Member Champion for Community Safety

The Member Champion subject area for Efficiency, Savings and Sustainability had been renamed Member Champion for Efficiency, Savings, Sustainability and Excellence to include the development of an Excellence Strategy.

The Chairman requested Members to provide expressions of interest to fill these positions on a cross-party basis.

Resolved: That:

1. The following Members be appointed to serve as Member Champions to the following subject areas for the 2016/17 municipal year:

Member Champion for Absence Management: Councillor Barrie Holland  
Member Champion for Children and Young People: Councillors June Hitchen and Steve Williams

Member Champion for Efficiency Savings, Sustainability and Excellence: Councillor June Hitchen

Member Champion for Inclusivity: Councillor Amna Mir

Member Champion for North West Fire Control: Councillors Steve Williams and Fred Walker

Member Champions for Member Development: Councillors John Bell and Grace Fletcher-Hackwood

Member Champion for Community Relations: Councillor Grace Fletcher-Hackwood

Member Champion for Volunteering: Councillor Steve Williams

Member Champion for Employee Engagement and Organisation Development: Councillor Fred Walker

Member Champion for Fire Protection: Councillor John O'Brien

Member Champion for Public Sector Reform: Councillor Tommy Judge

Member Champion for Community Safety: Councillor Shaun O'Neill

2. The revised Member Champion Terms of Reference as detailed in Appendix A of the report, be noted.



**17. COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS: TO NOTE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEES (APPROVED BY POLICY STANDING SUB-COMMITTEE UNDER DELEGATED POWERS ON 26TH MAY 2016) AS FOLLOWS: MINUTES OF MEETING THURSDAY, 28TH APRIL 2016 OF AUDIT, SCRUTINY AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

The Minutes of the proceedings of the Audit, Scrutiny and Standards Committee held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2016 (approved by Policy Standing Sub-Committee under delegated powers on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016) were submitted (Appendix 1).

Resolved: That the proceedings of the Audit, Scrutiny and Standards Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016, be noted.

**18. MINUTES OF MEETING THURSDAY, 26 MAY 2016 OF POLICY, RESOURCES AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE**

The Minutes of the proceedings of the Policy, Resources and Performance Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016 (approved by Policy Standing Sub-Committee under delegated powers on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016) were submitted (Appendix 2).

Resolved: That the proceedings of the Policy, Resources and Performance Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016, be noted.

**19. TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REVIEW REPORT - 2015/16**

Consideration was given to a report of the Treasurer which presented the Treasury Management Annual Report 2015/16. The report outlined the Authority's Treasury Management Practices and provided actual prudential and treasury indicators for 2015/16 which showed that the interest on investments had exceeded the targets by £61k. The report met the requirements of the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management and CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities (the prudential code).

Resolved: That the Treasury Management Annual Report for 2015/16 be accepted.

**20. OPTIONS AND PROPOSALS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF A REVISED SHIFT DUTY SYSTEM**

Consideration was given to a report of the County Fire Officer and Chief Executive which detailed the background, options considered and proposals for a revised wholtime firefighters' duty system within GMFRS and sought approval of the preferred option.

The report explored the potential benefits of three options and any foreseeable issues based on a wide reaching study of potential duty systems, these included:-

- Option One: Retain the existing shift duty system
- Option Two: Implement an eight hour shift duty system
- Option Three: Implement a 12 hour shift duty system

Members were advised that Option One was not a viable option to deliver the needs of the public and the Service and as a result did not feature in any negotiation process. Option Two was offered for negotiation however following initial discussions with the trade union, as an option for consideration with the agreement of the Chairman of the Authority, this option did not feature in any negotiation process and was 'parked'. Option Three was the only option subject to formal negotiation with the trade union and was the option that was recommended to Members as the most favourable duty system.

Members had a detailed discussion on the preferred Option and raised a number of questions and queries that were answered by Officers accordingly.

The Chairman gave Les Skarratts the Fire Bridges Union Regional Secretary the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Fire Brigades Union representatives.

On being put to the vote 27 Members voted in favour of Option 3 the preferred option, and there were no votes against the proposal.

Resolved: That:

1. The content of the report and comments raised, be noted.
2. Option 3 the implementation of a 12 hour shift duty system as detailed within the report, be approved.

## **21. CORPORATE AND INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN 2016/20**

Consideration was given to a report of the County Fire Officer and Chief Executive which presented and sought approval of the Service's Corporate and Integrated Risk Management Plan 2016/20.

Members were reminded that the content of the draft Corporate and Integrated Risk Management Plan 2016/20 was considered at a meeting of the Authority on 11th February 2016 (Minute 78 refers). Following internal and external consultation the final Plan had been graphically designed and amended without significant revision to the content.

The formal consultation of the draft Plan took place over a 12 week period between the 11<sup>th</sup> February and 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016 and a full consultation feedback report had been produced outlining all the feedback received during the formal consultation period and was detailed at Appendix B of the report. Following the consultation process a number of changes were made to the Plan which included a new section being included in the Executive Summary

regarding the consultation, the demand curve references within the document had been amended and all specific times had been removed, the Efficiency Plan had been updated to reflect the changes in line with the rostering proposals paper, and an additional section had been included to the Response standards page and Development Goals had been included in the Plan.

Members had a detailed discussion on the content of the finalised Corporate and Integrated Risk Plan 2016/20 with specific reference to the challenges ahead that included further budget savings, resilience and ensuring that there was capacity to deploy the correct resources when required and recruiting 24 new firefighters a year that reflect the communities within Greater Manchester.

The Chairman on behalf of the Authority took the opportunity to thank the Deputy County Fire Officer and his team for all their hard-work and commitment in producing the Service's Corporate and Integrated Risk Management Plan 2016/20.

Resolved: That:

1. The content of the report and comments raised, be noted.
2. The changes to the Corporate and Integrated Risk Management Plan 2016/20, as detailed at paragraphs 13 to 17 of the report, be noted.
3. The Corporate and Integrated Risk Management Plan 2016/20, as detailed at Appendix A of the report, be approved.
4. The Corporate and Integrated Risk Management Plan 2016/20 be published on the GMFRA website and used for external communications.

## **22. QUARTER 4 PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2015/16**

Consideration was given to a report of the County Fire Officer and Chief Executive which presented and sought approval of the Service's Quarter 4 Performance against the development and delivery goals contained within the 2015/18 Integrated Risk Management / Corporate Plan.

It was reported that GMFRS recorded 2600 fires in Quarter 4 that was 280 above the quarterly target and the volume was 7% higher than the same period in 2014/15. There were a total of 2380 special service calls which represented an increase of 1434 when compared to the same period last year and a detailed breakdown of special service calls was circulated, as requested at the last meeting of the Authority. There were 2997 false alarms recorded in Quarter 4 which represented an increase of circa 9% when compared to the same period in 2014/15. Sadly there had also been 8 fire related fatalities.

Members were reminded that a number of storms had been experienced over Quarter 4, which included Storm Gertrude in January, Storm Henry in February and Storm Jake in March and as the weather improved during February and March the volumes of deliberate fires also increased that was a trend seen year on year.

Members were advised that the summary of progress against Quarter 4 scheduled activities from the directorate plans was detailed at Appendix A of the report. An overview of Quarter 4 performance against the Service's key performance indicators (KPIs) and targets approved by the Authority on 23rd April 2015 (Minute 101 refers) was detailed at Appendix B of the report. Performance in Quarter 1 to 4 was detailed at Appendix C of the report, with Quarters 1, 2 and 3 having previously been reviewed at the Authority meetings on 3<sup>rd</sup> September (Minute 37 refers), 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015 (Minute 67 refers) and 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016 (Minute 91 refers) respectively. A view of historical incident trends was detailed at Appendix D of the report.

Members welcomed the informative report and raised a number of comments and questions relating to the reduction in the number of injuries from fires, the reporting of firefighter hostilities, the number of deliberate secondary fires relating to loose refuse and wheelie bins including the work taking place with local authorities to reduce the risk and the spike in fires in 'public admin; security and safety category' and how work was ongoing with prisoners at HMP Forest Bank to educate them on the consequences of fire.

Councillor June Hitchen made reference to the number of Safe and Well visits which had taken place across Greater Manchester in Quarter 4 and requested that this information was broken down by conurbation in future reports. She also requested further information on 'Service Development Goal DV30 – Develop and provide pathways which help improve people's prospects within employment, education and training' with regard to GMFRS apprenticeship levy for 2016/17. In response, the Director of Prevention and Protection advised that guidance was still outstanding and a report providing further information would be submitted to a future meeting.

In addition, Councillor June Hitchen made reference to the reduction in the carbon footprint and requested that in future reports the Officers determine the contribution made by spending locally.

Resolved: That:

1. The content of the report and comments raised, be noted.
2. The Quarter 4 Performance against the development and delivery goals contained within the 2015/18 Integrated Risk Management / Corporate Plan, as detailed at Appendix A and B of the report, be approved.
3. The content of the Key Performance Indicators Framework, as detailed in Appendix C of the report, be noted.

4. The Historical Trend graphs, as detailed in Appendix D of the report, be noted.
5. The number of Safe and Well Visits, as detailed in paragraph 24 of the report, be broken down by conurbation in future performance reports.
6. The contribution towards the reduction of GMFRS Carbon Footprint by local spend, as detailed in paragraphs 55 to 58 of the report, be determined and outlined in future performance reports and sustainability reports submitted to meetings of the Policy, Resources and Performance Committee.

### **23. CHIEF OFFICER'S ACTIVITY REPORT - QUARTER 4 (1ST JANUARY TO 31ST MARCH 2016)**

(Councillor David Action, Chairman, left the meeting at this point of the proceedings and Councillor Tommy Judge, Vice-Chairman, took the Chair for this item onwards)

The County Fire Officer and Chief Executive presented the 'Chief's Activity Report' for Quarter 4 2015/16 – 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016, for Members' information and comments. The report provided Members with information on the wide ranging activities which had taken place across the Boroughs during this period and also provided an update on the following subject matters:-

- General News;
- Operational Incidents;
- Service Delivery;
- Prevention and Protection;
- Communications and Engagement.

Members had a detailed discussion on the content of the report and the activity which had taken place across the Service in Quarter 4. Councillor Steve Williams took the opportunity to congratulate the 'Oldham Blazing Saddles' on their 1300 miles fund raising bike ride across Europe, which had raised over £22,000 for the various charities. The team arrived back at Oldham Fire Station on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2016 and was welcomed by local press, the Mayor of Oldham Council, Fire Authority Members, family, friends and colleagues.

Resolved: That the 'Chief's Activity Report' for Quarter 4 2015/16 – 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 and comments raised, be noted.

### **24. PLACE BASED INTEGRATION REPORT OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY**

The County Fire Officer and Chief Executive advised that Donna Hall, Clerk to the Authority had requested at the last meeting of the Authority held on 21<sup>st</sup> April (Minute 91 refers) that a report on 'Place-Based Integration' that was considered by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority Public Sector

Reform Leadership Group on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2016 was also presented to the meeting of the Authority, for information.

The report provided an overview and lessons learnt from the place-based integration work that had taken place in Wigan and provided an update on the Greater Manchester Wide Implementation Plan emerging to support future place-based integration work.

Resolved: That the content of the report, be noted.

(Councillor David Acton, Chairman, re-joined the meeting at this point of the proceedings and took over the Chair from Councillor Tommy Judge, Vice-Chairman)

## **25. POTENTIAL RELOCATION OF FIRE SERVICE HEADQUARTERS AND TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT CENTRE: PAPER 1**

Consideration was given to a report of the County Fire Officer and Chief Executive which detailed the high level costs and benefits that would potentially arise from progressing a project to relocate and combine Fire Service Headquarters (FSHQ), and classroom based elements of the Training and Development Centre (TDC) and sought approval to develop more detailed proposals for consideration prior to potentially commencing a design and construction project.

It was reported that consideration was being given to the potential to combine the current headquarters in Swinton and both the operational and classroom based elements of the training and development centre in Manchester, at the newly constructed GMFRS Training and Safety Centre development located in Bury. Operationally, coalescing onto one site would improve effectiveness by bringing together relevant staff groups and provisional work suggested there may be significant revenue savings to be realised by bringing together support and training facilities and delivering them from one site. There would also be greater potential to rationalise the size of some support functions.

Three options had been considered and Option 3 to build a new headquarters and classroom based training facility with parking at the Bury Training and Safety Centre site was the preferred option. It provided the potential to realise significant long term benefits in the way that the Service was designed, developed and delivered in the future.

Resolved: That Option 3, as detailed in paragraphs 30 to 33 of the report, be explored further with detailed costs and savings identified to be presented to Members for a final decision regarding the rationalisation of FSHQ and TDC onto the Bury site.

## **26. POTENTIAL RELOCATION OF FIRE SERVICE HEADQUARTERS AND TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT CENTRE: PAPER 2**

Consideration was given to a report of the County Fire Officer and Chief Executive which detailed the high level costs and benefits that would potentially arise from progressing a project to relocate and combine Fire Service Headquarters (FSHQ), and classroom based elements of the Training and Development Centre (TDC) as detailed in Option 3 of the 'Potential Relocation of Fire Service Headquarters and Training and Development Centre: Paper 1' (Minute 25 refers).

Resolved: That:

1. The financial implications, as detailed within the report, and comments raised, be noted.
2. The service of notice to terminate the lease held by Safe Automotive Interiors Ltd, be approved.
3. Policies regarding the payment of additional travelling expenses, on compulsory permanent or temporary moves be revisited with representative bodies.

CHAIRMAN