

Resolved: -

- i. to note the enactment of The Local Authorities (Allowances for Members) (Wales) Regulations 2007 and the provisions of the Regulations in relation to fire authorities;***
- ii. that in due course the Authority will give consideration to awarding a cooptees' allowance, and the level of any payments, to independent members of its Standards Committee; and***
- iii. to approve the consequential amendments to the Authority's 'Scheme for the Payment of Members' Allowances' as detailed in the appendix to the report.***

18) Statutory Appointments and Service Level Agreements

In the Chief Fire Officer's absence the Assistant Chief Officer (Finance and Procurement) introduced his report (previously circulated) with a view to seeking members permission to commissioning a review of the statutory appointments of Treasurer and Monitoring Officer and other Service Level Agreements which are due to expire on 31st March 2008. Members:

Resolved: -

- i. to request the Executive Panel to undertake a review of the Statutory Appointments and Service Level Agreements, and***
- ii. to submit recommendations in relation to the Statutory Appointments and arrangements for finance, legal and pensions services to take effect from April 2008, including the terms and duration of such appointments and arrangements, to the Authority at its meeting in December 2008.***

19) Informative

The Assistant Chief Fire Officer (Service Support) presented the Authority with the latest issue of the 'Informative' magazine. He congratulated the Corporate Communications Department on the publication and the recipients of the Service's Community Awards which featured in the current edition. Members:

Resolved: - to accept the publication

20) Urgent Matters

None.

21) Dates of Authority meetings 2007/08

The Chairman informed members that the dates for the Fire and Rescue Authority's business meetings for the 2007/08 municipal year would be: Monday

15th October 2007, Monday 17th December 2007, Monday 17th March 2008 and Monday 16th June 2008. The latter would also be the date for the Annual Meeting. He undertook to inform members of the venues for the meetings as soon as they were finalised.

The Chairman then informed members that it was recommended that the remaining item of business on the meeting's agenda be discussed without the public or Press present. It was:

Resolved: - pursuant to Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business because it was likely that there would be disclosed to them exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 8, 9 and 10 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972]

PART II

22) Vehicle Replacement Contract

The Assistant Chief Fire Officer (Service Support) introduced his report (previously circulated) which updated members on issues relating to the current vehicle replacement contract. He explained that the report was presented to them for information purposes and that since its writing confirmation had been received from the company that it was willing to accept the conditions laid out in the appendix to the report. Members were advised that the Authority expected to receive delivery of its year 1 appliances by 16th August 2007. They were also informed that both North Wales and Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Services had agreed to proceed with the contract in its entirety, up to and including the full three year period. It was:

Resolved: - note the contents of the report and that further updates would be provided should there be any significant change in the company's financial status or performance.

The meeting concluded at 12.55pm.