# REPORT TO THE HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL ON THE MEETING OF THE HEREFORD & WORCESTER FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY ON 22 JUNE 2011

#### 1. NEW MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE AUTHORITY

The Authority welcomed two new Members from Herefordshire Council on to the Authority, Cllr. Marcelle Lloyd-Hayes and Cllr. Bob Matthews, who replace Cllr. Polly Andrews and Cllr. John Goodwin and one new Member from Worcestershire County Council, Cllr. Bob Bullock who replaces Cllr. Stephen Clee.

### 2 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr. Derek Prodger MBE was elected Chairman and Brigadier Peter Jones CBE was elected as Vice-Chairman.

## 3. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS

The Authority appointed the following Committee Chairs and Vice-chairs:

• Appointments Committee: Mr Derek Prodger MBE, Chairman

Brigadier P Jones CBE, Vice- Chairman

Audit Committee: Mrs Lynne Duffy, Chair.

Mrs Lucy Hodgson, Vice-Chair

Policy & Resources Mr Kit Taylor Chairman

Committee: Mr Gordon Yarranton, Vice-Chair

### 4. OTHER APPOINTMENTS

The Authority also made the following appointments:

2 Representatives on the Standards Committee:

Mrs Gay Hopkins and Mr Terry Spencer

Member Champions:

Asset management: Mrs Liz Eyre
Equality and Diversity: Mr Richard Udall
Risk management: Mr Peter Watts

Member Development: Mrs Lucy Hodgson, Mr David Taylor

and Mr Clive Smith

• The Chairman, Mr Derek Prodger, MBE, was nominated to the Worcestershire Partnership Board.

• The Vice-Chairman, Brigadier Peter Jones, CBE, was nominated to the Herefordshire Partnership Executive Group.

### 5 THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER'S SERVICE REPORT

 The performance information for Quarter 4 2010/11 showed some of the best results the Service had ever achieved and he thanked the staff involved in those achievements.

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- The meeting expressed concern at the growing incidences of verbal abuse towards firefighters when dealing with fires.
- Members noted the charging policy which would "go live" from 1 July 2011.
- Members noted the CFO's award of the Authority's Outstanding Service Medal to firefighter Jason Mayhew and the commendations for Station Commander David Holland, Watch Commander Julian Jenkins and the 282 crew at Evesham fire station following a tragic incident at Boat Lane, Evesham, in February 2010.
- The CFO told the meeting of the Passing Out Parade of the Young Firefighters' Association on 21 May. He thanked all those who gave their time and expertise voluntarily to make the Association such a success and thanked the Authority for its continued support.
- Members thanked the Service and praised the skills and professionalism of the firefighters at the fire in the scrap yard at Hereford.

## 7. THE AUTHORITY'S ANNUAL PLAN 2011/12

The Authority adopted the draft Authority Annual Plan 2011/12 which highlights the following items:

- The future outlook to 2015;
- The key achievements in 2010/11, including the work of volunteers and the Young Firefighters' Association and the reduction in working days lost to staff sickness;
- The Service priorities and objectives;
- The description of the area covered by the Service; and
- Financial information regarding the Service.

### **Mark Yates**

Chief Fire Officer/ Chief Executive
Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority

## Mr Derek Prodger, MBE,

Chairman

Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Any person wishing to seek further information on this report should contact: Corporate Support on 01905 368331. Further information on the Fire and Rescue Authority and the Fire and Rescue Service can also be found on the Internet at (www.hwfire.org.uk).

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Agenda and papers of the meeting of the Fire and Rescue Authority held on 22 June 2011.