

DEVON & SOMERSET FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY

(Budget Meeting)

19 February 2010

Present:-

Councillors Hughes OBE (Chairman), Boyd, Burridge-Clayton, Cann, Dyke, Eastman, Fry, Gordon, Gribble, Healey, Horsfall, Leaves, Manning, Mrs. Nicholson, Radford, Smith, Turner, Viney, Wallace, Way, Woodman and Yeomans

Apologies:-

Councillors Foggin, Mills and Randall Johnson

DSFRA/41. Councillor Randall Johnson

The Chairman informed the Authority that Councillor Randall Johnson was currently unwell.

RESOLVED that the Chairman write to Councillor Randall Johnson to express the Authority's best wishes at this time.

DSFRA/42. Minutes

RESOLVED that, subject to the amendment to Minute DSFRA/40 (Application for Retirement and Re-Employment – Officers X and Y) by the insertion of the words "and re-employment" after the word "retirement" in resolutions (a) and (b), the Minutes of the meeting of the Authority held on 14 December 2009 be signed as a correct record.

DSFRA/43. Appointment to Vacancy on the Authority Audit & Performance Review Committee

(An item taken in accordance with Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972).

The Chairman determined that this should be considered as a matter of urgency to enable a vacancy on the Committee, notified following despatch of the agenda for this meeting, to be filled at the earliest opportunity and before the next meeting of the Committee.

The Chairman reported that Councillor Wallace had formally resigned from the Committee and sought nominations for a replacement from the Authority.

RESOLVED that Councillor Gribble be appointed to the Audit & Performance Review Committee until the Annual Meeting of the Authority in 2010.

DSFRA/44. Declarations of Interest

Members of the Authority were invited to consider whether they had any **personal/personal and prejudicial interests** in items as set out on the agenda for this meeting and to declare any such interests at this time.

At this stage Councillors Healey and Woodman each declared a **personal but non-prejudicial interest** in those items relating to the FiReControl/Regional Control Centre project by virtue of their being the Authority appointed Director (Councillor Healey) and alternate Director (Councillor Woodman) on South West Fire Control Ltd., the Local Authority Controlled Company (LACC) with overall governance responsibilities for the South West Regional Control Centre.

(SEE ALSO MINUTES DSFRA/46, 48, 49 AND 50 BELOW)

DSFRA/45. Minutes of Committees

(a) Human Resources Management & Development Committee

The Chair of the Committee, Councillor Wallace, **MOVED** the Minutes of the meeting of the Human Resources Management & Development Committee held on 14 January 2010 which had considered, amongst other things:

- a report on absence management;
- a report on the wholetime recruitment campaign 2009;
- a report on the new Fire & Rescue Service Equalities Framework and the current “migration” assessment;
- a report on “Stairway” – the positive action strategy; and
- a report on target setting for Goal 2 of the Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority Corporate Plan 2010/11 to 2012/13

RESOLVED that, in accordance with Standing Orders, the Minutes be adopted.

(SEE ALSO MINUTE DSFRA/46 BELOW)

(b) Community Safety & Corporate Planning Committee

The Chair of the Committee, Councillor Leaves, **MOVED** the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Safety and Corporate Planning Committee held on 29 January 2010 which had considered, amongst other things:

- a report on technical fire safety checks by community safety response staff;
- an update report on implementation of the partnership framework; and
- a report on target setting for Goals 1 and 3 of the Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority Corporate Plan 2010/11 to 2012/13

RESOLVED that, in accordance with Standing Orders, the Minutes be adopted.

(SEE ALSO MINUTE DSFRA/46 BELOW)

(c) Resources Committee

The Chair of the Committee, Councillor Gordon, **MOVED** the Minutes of the meeting of the Resources Committee held on 8 February 2010 which had considered, amongst other things:

- a report on treasury management performance 2009/10;
- a financial planning report 2009/10;

- a report on the proposed Capital Programme 2010/11 to 2012/13 and associated Prudential Indicators;
- a report on the proposed 2010/11 budget and associated Council Tax levels;
- a report on target setting for Goal 3 of the Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority Corporate Plan 2010/11 to 2012/13; and
- a report on specialist rescue

RESOLVED

- (i) that the recommendation at Minutes RC/20 (Capital Programme 2010/11 to 2012/13 and Associated Prudential Indicators), RC/21 (2010/11 Revenue Budget and Council Tax Level) and RC/24 (Specialist Rescue) be considered in conjunction with those items elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting;
- (iii) that, subject to (i) above, the Minutes be adopted in accordance with Standing Orders.

(SEE ALSO MINUTES DSFRA/47(a), (b) and (c) AND 54 BELOW)

(d) Audit & Performance Review Committee

The Chair of the Committee, Councillor Dyke, **MOVED** the minutes of the meeting of the Audit & Performance Review Committee held on 15 February 2010 which had considered, amongst other things:

- a report on performance and progress made by the Service during April to December 2009 against those goals, activities and targets as contained in the Authority's Corporate Plan 2009/10 to 2011/12;
- a report on progress in implementing the new International Financial Reporting Standards; and
- a report prepared by the Audit Commission on progress to 3 February 2010 against identified audit objectives including the Annual Audit and Inspection Letter 2008/09.

RESOLVED that, in accordance with Standing Orders, the Minutes be adopted.

DSFRA/46. Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority Corporate Plan 2010/11 To 2012/13

(Councillors Healey and Woodward each declared a **personal but non-prejudicial interest** in this item, in so far as it related to the FiReControl/Regional Control Centre project, by virtue of their being the Authority appointed Director (Councillor Healey) and alternate Director (Councillor Woodman) on South West Fire Control Ltd., the Local Authority Controlled Company (LACC) with overall governance responsibilities for the South West Regional Control Centre).

The Authority considered a report of the Chief Fire Officer (DSFRA/10/1) to which was appended the proposed final Authority Corporate Plan 2010/11 to 2012/13. The Authority had approved a draft Plan for consultation purposes at its meeting on 28 September 2009 (Minute DSFRA/21 refers).

The report set out the methodology for and results of the consultation and detailed those amendments to the Plan arising from the outcome of the consultation. The final Plan as presented for approval also included those targets considered and approved by the recently-held meetings of the Human Resources Management & Development, Community Safety & Corporate Planning and Resources Committees.

RESOLVED

- (a) that the results of the consultation on the draft Corporate Plan 2010/11 to 2012/13, as indicated in report DSFRA/10/1, be noted;
- (b) that, subject to (a) above, the Corporate Plan 2010/11 to 2012/13 (amended as appropriate to include comments received during the consultation and as enclosed with the agenda for this meeting) be approved;
- (c) that the road traffic collision response standards as detailed in the Plan be adopted;
- (d) that the a six month pilot on the proposed emergency response standards for non-domestic properties as detailed in the Plan be approved;
- (e) that a six month pilot on the proposed emergency response standards for entrapments as detailed in the Plan be approved.

(SEE ALSO MINUTES DSFRA/44 AND 45 (a), (b) and (c) ABOVE)

DSFRA/47. Revenue and Capital Budgets 2010/11

(a) Capital Programme 2010/11 to 2012/13

The Authority considered a joint report of the Director Of Service Support and the Treasurer (DSFRA/10/2) on the proposed Capital Programme for the Authority for 2010/11 to 2012/13. The Programme as set out in the report was the same considered and commended for approved by the Resources Committee at its meeting on 8 February 2010 (Minute RC/20 refers). Elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting was a report addressing the Prudential Indicators (dealing with affordability) associated with the proposed Programme.

The report noted that the proposals represented a prudent approach and did not fully address the needs of the Service either now or in the future. In light of the current economic climate and increasing constraints on public finance it would be necessary, when examining the asset base for the future, to consider more flexible, economic and targeted resources to meet local risk requirements. Preliminary reviews in this respect were already under way.

RESOLVED that the Capital Programme 2010/11 to 2012/13 as detailed in report DSFRA/10/2 and summarised in the table at Appendix A to these Minutes be approved.

(SEE ALSO MINUTE DSFRA/45 (c) ABOVE AND DSFRA/47 (b) BELOW)

(b) Treasury Management Strategy (Including Prudential and Treasury Indicators Report 2010/11 to 2012/13)

The Authority considered a report of the Treasurer (DSFRA/10/3) setting out a revised treasury management strategy for 2010/11 (including the Prudential Indicators associated with the Capital Programme 2010/11 to 2012/13 as detailed in the report elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting) and Minimum Revenue Provision Statement for 2010/11.

Following the Icelandic bank situation in 2008, the Chartered Institute for Public Finance Accountancy (CIPFA) had issued a revised Code of Treasury Management Practice in 2009. Appendix A to the report detailed four additional clauses (one of which was already contained in the Authority's existing Treasury Management Policy and associated Treasury Management Practices [TMPs]) which CIPFA recommended each public service organisation to adopt.

RESOLVED

- (a) the Treasury Management Strategy and the Annual Investment Strategy as detailed in report DSFRA/10/3 be approved and the Authority Treasury Management Policy revised to incorporate those additional clauses recommended in the revised CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice 2009, as set out in Appendix A to the report;
- (b) that the Terms of Reference of the Resources Committee be amended to reflect those responsibilities for the treasury management strategy, policies and practices as indicated in Appendix A to the report;
- (c) that the prudential indicators and limits as detailed in the report and summarised in the table at Appendix B to these Minutes be approved;
- (d) that the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) statement for 2010/2011, as set out in the report and reproduced as Appendix C to these Minutes be approved;
- (e) that the Treasurer be delegated authority to effect movements between the separately agreed prudential limits for borrowing;
- (f) that the statement at paragraph 5.8 of the report that borrowing limits and the debt management strategy have been set to ensure that net borrowing remains below the capital financing requirement for 2010/2011 to 2012/2013, in line with the requirements of the CIPFA Prudential Code, be noted.

(SEE ALSO MINUTES DSFRA/45 (c) AND DSFRA/47 (a) ABOVE)

(c) 2010/11 Revenue Budget and Council Tax Levels

The Authority considered a joint report of the Treasurer and the Chief Fire Officer (DSFRA/10/4) on a proposed revenue budget and associated Council Tax level for the Authority in 2010/11. The Authority was required to set its level of revenue budget and Council Tax level for the forthcoming financial year before 1 March to enable the Council Tax billing authorities in Devon and Somerset to be notified of the level of precept required by the Authority for 2010/11.

The report detailed the final Local Government Finance Settlement for the Authority in 2010/11 (the final year of a three year settlement) as announced on 20 January 2010:

	£m	%
Formula Grant 2010/11	31.245	
Increase over 2009/2010 Grant	0.716	2.3

As in previous years, the Authority had, following the announcement of the provisional settlement on 26 November 2009, made representations to the Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG) challenging, amongst other things, the methodology used to distribute the Fire Formula Grant which, it was contended, did not reflect the disproportionate costs of providing a fire and rescue service in a sparse rural area such as Devon and Somerset. A copy of the representations made, together with graphical illustrations of how the sparsity issue impacted upon this Authority (and the resources required) more than most other fire and rescue authorities were appended to the report.

Despite these representations, however, the Government had confirmed the final Formula Grant for 2010/11 as £31.245m, no change on the provisional figure. The 2.3% increase over the 2009/10 figure compared with an average increase for all fire and rescue authorities of 1.42%, ranging from 0.5% to 4.13%.

The 2007 Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) included the following headline figures for public spending over the next three years:-

- that provision had been made for increases in spending at an average of 1% per year in real terms over the next three years;
- that these increases were underpinned by an ambitious value for money programme for local government to deliver cash-releasing savings of 3% per year; and
- that the settlement would enable local authorities to keep Council Tax rises low with the Government expecting the overall increase to be well under 5% in each of the next three years.

While the capping criteria for Council Tax had not been announced, in announcing the provisional grant settlement for 2010/11 the Government had emphasised that it was

“...pleased that the average council tax increase for 2009/10 was 3%, and that it anticipates that this average will fall further in 2010/11”.

It had also been re-emphasised that it could not be assumed that the capping principles applied in 2009/10 would apply in 2010/11. The 2009/10 principles were:

- that the increase in revenue budget should not exceed 4%; and
- that the increase in council tax should also not exceed 5%.

For the 2009/10 financial year, this Authority’s budget and council tax level did not breach either of these tests and consequently the Authority had not been considered for capping.

The report set out a draft core budget requirement for 2010/11 of £75.135m - a 3.41% increase on the approved 2009/10 budget (equating to a Band D Council Tax increase of 3.74%) – summarised as follows:

	£m	%
Approved Net Revenue Budget Requirement 2008/09	72.659	
PLUS		
- Provision for pay and price increases	0.407	
- Inescapable Commitments	1.691	
- Essential Spending Needs and Invest-to-Save	0.886	
MINUS		
- Budget Reductions	(0.508)	
DRAFT REVENUE COMMITMENT BUDGET 2010/11	75.135	
COUNCIL TAX FOR BAND 'D' PROPERTY IN 2010/11 (£)	£71.77	
INCREASE IN BUDGET OVER 2009/10 (£m)	2.476	3.41
INCREASE IN BAND D COUNCIL TAX OVER 2008/09 (£)	£2.59	3.74

The report set out the implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2009/10 to 2011/12 of funding the above draft core budget requirement. Details of the inescapable commitments, essential spending needs and invest-to-save proposals and budget reductions (which featured reductions in support areas) were appended to the report.

In accordance with Section 65 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 non-domestic ratepayers had been consulted on the Authority's proposals for expenditure. The report outlined the results of this consultation the main findings of which indicated that the majority (82%) of all respondents considered a council tax of £71.95 would represent value for money. Also, more than 83% of those respondents would, in addition to a £71.95 council tax, be prepared to pay £1 more to enable the Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service to improve community safety.

Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 required the person appointed as the "Chief Finance Officer" to report to the Authority on the robustness of the budget estimates and adequacy of the level of reserves and for the Authority to have regard to this report in making its decisions. The relevant report was contained as Appendix E to the main budget report. At its 2008/09 budget meeting the Authority had resolved to adopt an "in principle" strategy to maintain the level of reserves at a minimum of 5% of the revenue budget for any given financial year, with this level only being breached in exceptional circumstances as determined by a risk assessment (Minute DSFRA/80 refers). Given the current economic climate, it was advised that the Authority should seek to protect reserves and balances as much as possible. The current level of General Reserve balances was £4.435m (6.1% of the revenue budget). Even with a reserve balance equivalent to 6.6% of the 2010/11 revenue budget (approximately £5m by 1 April 2010, including all the indicative underspend of £0.494 on the current financial year's budget) - the Authority would still be placed in the lower quartile (29 out of 33) when compared to all fire and rescue authorities (the average reserve balance being 13.5%; the upper quartile 15% and the lower quartile 8%). Nonetheless, the view of the Treasurer was that the budget proposed for 2010/11 represented a sound and achievable financial plan and would not increase the Authority's risk exposure to an unacceptable level. The estimated level of General Reserve of £5m was judged by the Treasurer to be adequate to meet all reasonable forecasts of future liabilities.

The Resources Committee, at its meeting on 8 February 2010, had considered had considered a joint report of the Treasurer and the Chief Fire Officer on the proposed revenue budget 2010/11 and council tax level and had resolved to recommend that the Authority approve a 2010/11 revenue budget of £75.135m (a 3.41% increase over the previous year's budget), equating to a council tax for a Band 'D' property of £71.77 – an increase of £2.59 i.e. 5p per week (3.74% increase on the 2009/10 figure) (Minute RC/21 refers).

RESOLVED

- (a) That the following recommendation of the meeting of the Resources Committee, held on 8 February 2010, be approved;
- (i) to set a Net Budget Requirement of £75,135,000 for 2010/2011;
- (ii) to set a level of council tax in 2010/11 of £71.77 for a Band D property, representing an increase of 3.74% over the figure for 2009/2010;
- (b) that as a consequence of (a) (i) and (ii) above;
- (i) the tax base for payment purposes and the precept required from each billing authority for payment of the total precept of £43,704,953, as detailed on Page 2 of the budget booklet provided separately with report DSFRA/10/4 and shown below, be approved;

Billing Authority	Tax Base Used for Collection £ p	Surplus/ (Deficit) for 2009/10 £	Precepts due 2010/11 £	Total due 2010/11 £
East Devon	56,869.00	13,026	4,081,595	4,094,621
Exeter	37,827.00	4,829	2,714,915	2,719,744
Mendip	40,154.55	26,767	2,881,968	2,908,735
Mid Devon	28,075.04	36,757	2,014,999	2,051,756
North Devon	34,726.83	(20,167)	2,492,410	2,472,243
Plymouth City	77,014.00	5,485	5,527,439	5,532,924
Sedgemoor	39,564.79	91,619	2,839,640	2,931,259
South Hams	37,997.17	12,000	2,727,129	2,739,129
South Somerset	60,029.61	7,334	4,308,438	4,315,772
Taunton Deane	40,384.49	(60,706)	2,898,471	2,837,765
Teignbridge	49,078.00	(9,238)	3,522,421	3,513,183
Torbay	48,548.86	31,000	3,484,443	3,515,443
Torridge	23,537.91	33,851	1,689,360	1,723,211
West Devon	20,449.88	9,346	1,467,726	1,477,072
West Somerset	14,685.40	2,970	1,053,999	1,056,969
TOTAL	608,942.53	184,873	43,704,953	43,889,826

- (ii) the council tax for each property bands A to H associated with a total precept of £43,704,953, as detailed on Page 2 of the budget booklet provided separately with report DSFRA/10/4 and shown overleaf be approved;

Valuation Band	Government Multiplier		Council Tax £ p
	Ratio	%	
A	6/9	0.667	47.85
B	7/9	0.778	55.82
C	8/9	0.889	63.80
D	1	1.000	71.77
E	11/9	1.222	87.72
F	13/9	1.444	103.67
G	15/9	1.667	119.62
H	18/9	2.000	143.54

- (iii) that the Treasurer's 'Statement of the Robustness of the Budget Estimates and the Adequacy of the Authority Reserve Balances' as included as Appendix E to report DSFRA/10/4, be noted.

(SEE ALSO MINUTE DSFRA/45 (c) ABOVE)

DSFRA/48. Confirmation of Rates Payable in 2010/11 under the Authority Approved Scheme of Members' Allowances

(Councillors Healey and Woodman each declared a **personal but non-prejudicial interest** in this item – in so far as it related to the payment of an allowance to the Authority-appointed Director to the Company - by virtue of their being the Authority appointed Director (Councillor Healey) and alternate Director (Councillor Woodman) on South West Fire Control Ltd., the Local Authority Controlled Company (LACC) with overall governance responsibilities for the South West Regional Control Centre).

The Authority considered a report of the Clerk to the Authority (DSFRA/10/5) on the level of Basic and Special Responsibility Allowances (together with any uprating to be allowed) and expenditure reimbursement to apply for the forthcoming (2010/11) financial year, as required by the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances)(England) Regulations 2003.

RESOLVED

- (a) that, as required by the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances)(England) Regulations 2003, the basic and special responsibility allowances and expenditure reimbursement payable under the Authority's Approved Scheme during 2010/11 be confirmed as those set out in Sections 2 and 3 of this report, subject to (b) below and the allowance normally payable to the Authority appointed Director to South West Fire Control Ltd. being paid instead to the alternate Director until the Annual Meeting of the Authority in 2010;
- (b) that the allowance and expenditure reimbursement rates again be frozen at the level set in 2008, with no uprating to apply for the 2010/11 financial year.

(SEE ALSO MINUTE DSFRA/44 ABOVE)

DSFRA/49. Firecontrol Consultation: Agreement Between Local Authority Controlled Companies (LACCs)/London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority (LFEPA) and Communities and Local Government

(Councillors Healey and Woodman each declared a **personal but non-prejudicial interest** in this item by virtue of their being the Authority appointed Director (Councillor Healey) and alternate Director (Councillor Woodman) on South West Fire Control Ltd., the Local Authority Controlled Company (LACC) with overall governance responsibilities for the South West Regional Control Centre).

The Authority considered a report of the Director of Service Support (DSFRA/10/6) on the consultative circular issued by the Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG) "FiReControl: Agreement Between LACCs/LFEPA and Communities and Local Government", responses to which were invited by 5 March 2010. Appended to the report was a paper considered by the South West Regional Management Board at its last meeting together with a copy of the response agreed by the Board.

RESOLVED that the response of the South West Regional Management Board to the Department of Communities and Local Government (CLG) consultation "FiReControl: Agreement Between LACCs/LFEPA and Communities and Local Government" be endorsed as the response of this Authority and the Chairman authorised to forward it to CLG on behalf of the Authority.

(SEE ALSO MINUTES DSFRA/44 ABOVE AND DSFRA/50 BELOW)

DSFRA/50. South West Regional Management Board Minutes 9 November 2009

(Councillors Healey and Woodman each declared a **personal but non-prejudicial interest** in this item – in so far as it related to the FiReControl/Regional Control Centre project - by virtue of their being the Authority appointed Director (Councillor Healey) and alternate Director (Councillor Woodman) on South West Fire Control Ltd., the Local Authority Controlled Company (LACC) with overall governance responsibilities for the South West Regional Control Centre).

The Authority received for information the Minutes of the meetings of the Board held on 9 November 2009 and 28 January 2010 which had considered, amongst other things:

On 9 November 2009

- a workstreams highlight report;
- a progress report on the regional climate change strategy; and
- a report on budget options 2010/11

On 28 January 2010

- a report on the Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG) consultative circular "FiReControl: Agreement Between LACCs/LFEPA and Communities and Local Government";
- a workstreams highlight report;
- a report on governance options for regional collaboration;
- a report on future workstream structure; and
- a report on the Board's budget 2010/11.

(SEE ALSO MINUTES DSFRA/44 AND 49 ABOVE)

DSFRA/51. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman reported on attendance at the following since the last meeting of the Authority:

- a meeting of the South West Regional Management Board's Future Governance Structures Task and Finish Group at Dorset Fire & Rescue Service Headquarters on 18 January 2010;
- a Regional Management Board Chairs meeting in London on 8 February 2010;
- the Authority Civic Lunch held at Service Headquarters on 11 February 2010.

The Chairman also reported on the forthcoming event to be held at 15.00hours on Monday 22 March 2010 at Plymouth Hoe when the Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service would take receipt of five new aerial appliances. All Authority Members were invited to attend this event.

DSFRA/52. Chief Fire Officer's Announcements

The Chief Fire Officer reported on:

- the forthcoming opening by Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal of the two new Exeter fire and rescue stations at Danes Castle and Middlemoor, to take place on Friday 26 February 2010; and
- the Passing Out parade to be held at the Service Training Centre, Plympton, on 16 April 2010 to which all Authority Members were invited to attend.

DSFRA/53. Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED that, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended) to the Act, namely information relating to the negotiations in connection with a labour relations matter between the Authority and employees of the Authority.

DSFRA/54. Specialist Rescue

(An item taken in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 during which the press and public were excluded from the meeting).

The Authority considered a report of the Director of Service Support (DSFRA/10/7) on the proposed introduction of a Special Activity Allowance for persons undertaking specialist rescue activities at Level 3. The matter had previously been considered by the Resources Committee at its meeting on 8 February 2010 which had resolved to recommend that the Authority approve the introduction of such an allowance.

RESOLVED that a Special Activity Allowance as detailed report DSFRA/10/7 be introduced, payable to those persons undertaking specialist rescue activities at Level 3.

The meeting started at 10.00hours and finished at 12.38hours

**APPENDIX A TO THE MINUTES OF THE BUDGET MEETING OF THE DEVON & SOMERSET FIRE
& RESCUE AUTHORITY 19 FEBRUARY 2010**

APPROVED CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2010/11 TO 2012/13

Previous years spend (£000)	2009/2010 predicted outturn (£000)	Item	PROJECT	2010/11 (£000)	2011/12 (£000)	2012/13 (£000)	Total project costs (Exeter major projects) (£000)
			Estate Development				
2,250	1,380	1	Exeter Middlemoor	60			3,690
1,084	1,780	2	Exeter Danes Castle	179			3,043
	71	3	SHQ major building/USAR major project (slippage 2008/09)	135			
	0	4	Major building works	0	1,000	1,000	
	1,528	5	Minor improvements & structural maintenance (including 2008/09 slippage)	2,771	750	750	
	204	6	Welfare facilities 2009/10	96			
	34	7	Diversity & equality	0			
	35	8	USAR works	0			
	5,032		Estates Sub Total	3,241	1,750	1,750	
			Fleet & Equipment				
	4,082	9	Appliance replacement	2,100	2,119	2,119	
	153	10	Specialist Operational Vehicles	1,100			
	115	11	CFS Vehicles	0			
	519	12	Equipment	252	200	200	
	23	13	Asset Management Plan (Miquest) software	154			
	4,892		Fleet & Equipment Sub Total	3,606	2,319	2,319	
	9,924		Overall Capital Totals	6,847	4,069	4,069	
			Programme funding				
	8,666		Main programme	5,558	4,069	4,069	
	140		Revenue funds	0	0	0	
	914		Grants	1,193	0	0	
	204		Earmarked Reserves	96	0	0	
	9,924			6,847	4,069	4,069	

**APPENDIX B TO THE MINUTES OF THE BUDGET MEETING OF THE DEVON & SOMERSET
FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY 19 FEBRUARY 2010**

PRUDENTIAL AND TREASURY INDICATORS

PRUDENTIAL INDICATOR	2010/11 £m estimate	2011/12 £m estimate	2012/13 £m estimate
Capital Expenditure			
Non - HRA	6.847	4.069	4.069
HRA (applies only to housing authorities)	0	0	0
TOTAL	6.847	4.069	4.069
Ratio of financing costs to net revenue stream			
Non - HRA	3.80%	4.38%	4.63%
HRA (applies only to housing authorities)	0%	0%	0%
Capital Financing Requirement as at 31 March			
Non – HRA	32.076	33.774	35.395
HRA (applies only to housing authorities)	0	0	0
TOTAL	32.076	33.774	35.395
Annual change in Cap. Financing Requirement			
Non – HRA	3.561	1.698	1.621
HRA (applies only to housing authorities)	0	0	0
TOTAL	3.561	1.698	1.621
Incremental impact of capital investment decisions			
Increase/(decrease) in council tax (band D) per annum	£ p (£0.28)	£ p (£0.17)	£ p (£0.07)
TREASURY MANAGEMENT PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS			
Authorised Limit for external debt - borrowing	£000	£000	£000
other long term liabilities	38.603	40.190	41.619
TOTAL	0	0	0
Operational Boundary for external debt - borrowing	38.603	40.190	41.619
other long term liabilities			
TOTAL	35.395	36.813	38.079
	0	0	0
TOTAL	35.395	36.813	38.079

	upper limit %	lower limit %
Limits on borrowing at fixed interest rates	100%	70%
Limits on borrowing at variable interest rates	30%	0%
Maturity structure of fixed rate borrowing during 2009/10		
Under 12 months	10%	0%
12 months and within 24 months	15%	0%
24 months and within 5 years	30%	0%
5 years and within 10 years	50%	0%
10 years and above	100%	50%

**APPENDIX C TO THE MINUTES OF THE BUDGET MEETING OF THE DEVON & SOMERSET
FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY 19 FEBRUARY 2010**

MINIMUM REVENUE STATEMENT (MRP) 2010/2011

Supported Borrowing

The MRP will be calculated using the regulatory method (option 1). MRP will therefore be calculated using the formulae in the old regulations, since future entitlement to RSG in support of this borrowing will continue to be calculated on this basis.

Un-Supported Borrowing (including un-supported borrowing prior to 1st April 2008)

The MRP in respect of unsupported borrowing under the prudential system will be calculated using the asset life method (option 3). The MRP will therefore be calculated to repay the borrowing in equal annual instalments over the life of the class of assets which it is funding. The repayment period of all such borrowing will be calculated when it takes place and will be based on the finite life of the class of asset at that time and will not be changed.

MRP will normally commence in the financial year following the one in which the expenditure was incurred. However, when borrowing to construct an asset, the authority may treat the asset life as commencing in the year in which the asset first becomes operational. It may accordingly postpone the beginning to make MRP until that year. Investment properties will be regarded as becoming operational when they begin to generate revenues.