

COMMERCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

(Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority)

1 March 2012

Present:-

Councillors Healey (Chairman), Boyd, Dyke, Gribble, Mills and Randall Johnson.

Apologies:-

Councillor Smith.

***CSC/34. Minutes**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 February 2012 be signed as a correct record.

***CSC/35. Partnership with Falck**

(An item of urgent business 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 the Committee to be apprised of development occurring post-despatch of the agenda for this meeting.

The Director of People and Organisational Development reported that the Service had received the legal documentation (Articles of Association; Shareholders Agreement etc.) drafted by Falck to take forward the joint venture with the Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority. This documentation would now be evaluated by the Authority's legal advisor and a report submitted in due course to a future meeting of the Committee.

***CSC/36. Revision to Terms of Reference**

The Committee received for information a report of the Clerk to the Authority (CSC/12/4) detailing the revised Terms of Reference for the Committee as approved by the Authority at its budget meeting on 17 February 2012 (Minute DSFRA/ refers).

The Clerk commented that the revised Terms of Reference now provided, amongst other things, for the Committee to approve the overarching Business Case and annual Business Plan for commercial trading as well as the entering into (subject to confirmatory legal advice in each case) of joint trading ventures. It was noted that Members of the Committee and relevant officers would be working together to develop the Business Case and Plan which ultimately would be submitted to a future meeting for approval in line with the revised Terms of Reference.

***CSC/37. 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 items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended) to the Act, namely information relating to the financial and business affairs of the Authority and other companies.

***CSC/38. Update on Current Commercial Leads**

(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 Committee received for information a report of the Director of People and Organisational Development (CSC/12/5) detailing progress with the main leads and opportunities being pursued by the Commercial Services Team over and above those detailed in the FalckDS business plan and separate to those relating to the Training Academy.

(SEE ALSO MINUTE *CSC/39 BELOW)

***CSC/39. Training Academy Update**

(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 Committee received for information a report of the Director of People and Organisational Development (CSC/12/6) on progress to date, achievements and plans for the future in relation to the Training Academy. The report provided details of work carried out and invoiced from 1 April 2011 and bookings up to 31 March 2012.

*** DENOTES DELEGATED MATTER WITH POWER TO ACT**

The meeting started at 10.00hours and finished at 10.58hours.