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To: The Chair and Members of the General
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GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
(Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority)

Thursday, 9th March, 2017

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee will be held on the above date, **commencing at 3.00 pm in Committee Room B, Somerset House, Service Headquarters, Exeter** to consider the following matters.

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A G E N D A

PLEASE REFER TO THE NOTES AT THE END OF THE AGENDA LISTING SHEETS

1 Apologies

2 Minutes (Pages 1 - 2)

of the previous meeting attached.

3 Items Requiring Urgent Attention

Items which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be considered at the meeting as matters of urgency.

PART 1 - OPEN COMMITTEE

4 Exclusion of the Press and Public

RECOMMENDATION 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 involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the following Paragraph(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended) to the Act:

- Paragraph 1 (information relating to an individual);
- Paragraph 2 (information likely to reveal the identity of an individual); and
- Paragraph 5 (information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings).

PART 2 - ITEMS WHICH MAY BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

5 Staffing Issue - Further Considerations

Director of Corporate Services to report.

MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO SIGN THE ATTENDANCE REGISTER

Membership:-

Councillors Greenslade (Chair), Bown, Dyke, Eastman, Radford and Randall Johnson

NOTES

1.	<p><u>Access to Information</u></p> <p>Any person wishing to inspect any minutes, reports or lists of background papers relating to any item on this agenda should contact the person listed in the “Please ask for” section at the top of this agenda.</p>
2.	<p><u>Reporting of Meetings</u></p> <p>Any person attending a meeting may report (film, photograph or make an audio recording) on any part of the meeting which is open to the public – unless there is good reason not to do so, as directed by the Chairman - and use any communication method, including the internet and social media (Facebook, Twitter etc.), to publish, post or otherwise share the report. The Authority accepts no liability for the content or accuracy of any such report, which should not be construed as representing the official, Authority record of the meeting. Similarly, any views expressed in such reports should not be interpreted as representing the views of the Authority.</p> <p>Flash photography is not permitted and any filming must be done as unobtrusively as possible from a single fixed position without the use of any additional lighting; focusing only on those actively participating in the meeting and having regard also to the wishes of any member of the public present who may not wish to be filmed. As a matter of courtesy, anyone wishing to film proceedings is asked to advise the Chairman or the Democratic Services Officer in attendance so that all those present may be made aware that is happening.</p>
3.	<p><u>Declarations of Interests (Authority Members only)</u></p> <p>(a). <u>Disclosable Pecuniary Interests</u></p> <p>If you have any disclosable pecuniary interests (as defined by Regulations) in any item(s) to be considered at this meeting then, unless you have previously obtained a dispensation from the Authority’s Monitoring Officer, you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i). disclose any such interest at the time of commencement of consideration of the item in which you have the interest or, if later, as soon as it becomes apparent to you that you have such an interest; (ii). leave the meeting room during consideration of the item in which you have such an interest, taking no part in any discussion or decision thereon; and (iii). not seek to influence improperly any decision on the matter in which you have such an interest. <p>If the interest is sensitive (as agreed with the Monitoring Officer), you need not disclose the nature of the interest but merely that you have a disclosable pecuniary interest of a sensitive nature. You must still follow (ii) and (iii) above.</p> <p>(b). <u>Other (Personal) Interests</u></p> <p>Where you have a personal (i.e. other than a disclosable pecuniary) interest in any matter to be considered at this meeting then you must declare that interest no later than the commencement of the consideration of the matter in which you have that interest, or (if later) the time at which the interest becomes apparent to you. If the interest is sensitive (as agreed with the Monitoring Officer), you need not disclose the precise nature of the interest but merely declare that you have a personal interest of a sensitive nature.</p> <p>If the interest is such that it might reasonably be perceived as causing a conflict with discharging your duties as an Authority Member then, unless you have previously obtained a dispensation from the Authority’s Monitoring Officer, you must not seek to improperly influence any decision on the matter and as such may wish to leave the meeting while it is being considered. In any event, you must comply with any reasonable restrictions the Authority may place on your involvement with the matter in which you have the personal interest.</p>
4.	<p><u>Part 2 Reports</u></p> <p>Members are reminded that any Part 2 reports as circulated with the agenda for this meeting contain exempt information and should therefore be treated accordingly. They should not be disclosed or passed on to any other person(s). Members are also reminded of the need to dispose of such reports carefully and are therefore invited to return them to the Committee Secretary at the conclusion of the meeting for disposal.</p>
5.	<p><u>Substitute Members (Committee Meetings only)</u></p> <p>Members are reminded that, in accordance with Standing Order 35, the Clerk (or his representative) must be advised of any substitution prior to the start of the meeting. Members are also reminded that substitutions are not permitted for full Authority meetings.</p>

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GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

(Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority)

26 JANUARY 2017

Present:-

Councillors Bown, Eastman, Greenslade, Radford and Randall Johnson.

Apologies:-

Councillors Dyke

* **GPC/1** **Election of Chair**

RESOLVED that Councillor Greenslade be appointed Chair of the Committee, the term of office to be until the Annual Meeting of the Authority in 2017.

* **GPC/2** **Election of Vice-Chair**

RESOLVED that Councillor Randall Johnson be appointed Chair of the Committee, the term of office to be until the Annual Meeting of the Authority in 2017.

* **GPC/3** **Terms of Reference**

The Committee had been established by the Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority, at its meeting on 19 December 2016 with delegated power to determine on behalf of the Authority the staffing issue as identified in report DSFRA/16/27.

* **GPC/4** **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 involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the following Paragraph(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended) to the Act:

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* **GPC/5** **Staffing Issue**

(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 considered a report of the Director of Corporate Services (GPC/17/2) together with legal advice and options as presented by the legal team present at the meeting as to how the staffing issue as identified might be progressed.

RESOLVED that the Monitoring Officer be authorised to instruct the Authority legal team to progress the matter on the basis as detailed by the Committee at the meeting.

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

The Meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 4.40 pm

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