COMMERCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

(Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority)

21 January 2016

Present:-

Councillors Healey (Chair), Edmunds, Randall Johnson and Woodman

Apologies:-

Councillors Ball, Dyke and Leaves

*CSC/18. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 2015 be signed as a correct record.

*CSC/19. 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/20. Commercial Update December 2015

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

The Committee considered a report of the Commercial Business Development Manager (CSC/16/01) on commercial leads and opportunities currently being progressed. The Chair also apprised the Committee on the use by Red One Ltd. of part of the dividend realised from profits generated by the company in the previous financial year and which the Authority had approved should be retained by the company. The retained dividend would be used to develop further the business potential for the company with overseas markets.

*CSC/21. Financial Update

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

The Senior Finance Manager reported, for information, on the current position in relation to the commercial services profit and loss accounts for the current (2015-16) financial year. Whilst the net profit at the end of quarter 3 was slightly less than had been achieved in the previous financial year, it had nonetheless been a successful trading quarter and there was a high expectation that, by the end of the financial year, both net profit and turnover would exceed that of the previous financial year.

* DENOTES DELEGATED MATTER WITH POWER TO ACT