

REPORT REFERENCE NO.	DSFRA/24/6
MEETING	DEVON & SOMERSET FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY
DATE OF MEETING	16 FEBRUARY 2024 (Budget Meeting)
SUBJECT OF REPORT	EXTRAORDINARY AUTHORITY MEETING – 25 MARCH 2024
LEAD OFFICER	Clerk to the Authority & Monitoring Officer
RECOMMENDATIONS	<i>That an Extraordinary Meeting of the Authority be scheduled for Monday 25 March 2024 at 14:00hours.</i>
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	It is proposed to hold an Extraordinary meeting of the Authority on Monday 25 March 2024 at 14:00hours. This date has been checked against constituent authority calendars and no clashes have been identified.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	Nil.
EQUALITY RISKS AND BENEFITS ANALYSIS	N/A
APPENDICES	Nil.
BACKGROUND PAPERS	Nil.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The Authority has been apprised on many occasions during the 2023-24 financial year of the challenges facing Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service in 2024-25 and future years. These challenges include those driven by the acute financial pressure faced together with the need to modernise and reflect the changes within society today. Such challenges are reflected elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting in the proposals within the Medium-Term Financial Plan, the level of Council Tax and associated Revenue Budget in 2024-25 and the Capital Programme for 2024-25 to 2026-27.
- 1.2. The agenda for the budget meeting on 16 February 2024 is already full. Since the Authority's meeting on 11 December 2023, the Treasurer has submitted his resignation having secured a new post with his departure taking effect from 5 April 2024. This appointment is reserved to the Authority and, as a statutory Officer, this has to be undertaken seamlessly, thus a report will need to be considered before the departure of the existing Treasurer.
- 1.3. Additionally, work is ongoing on the Red One Governance Review and, whilst some aspects of this are addressed elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting, there will be matters which officers will not have had time to give due consideration to and thus, will need to be considered at the Extraordinary meeting.
- 1.4. Taking account of these issues and having consulted with the Chair of the Authority, it is proposed that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Authority be set up to consider these specific issues and other matters that may arise in the interim. Consideration is being given to increasing the number of Authority meetings from four to five each year to take account of the increasing amount of business that needs Authority approval.
- 1.5. It is proposed to hold the Extraordinary Meeting of the Authority on Monday 25 March 2024 at 14:00hours. This date has been checked against constituent authority calendars and no clashes have been identified.

SAMANTHA SHARMAN

Clerk to the Authority & Monitoring Officer