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 <u>Election of Vice-Chair</u>

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:

- 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).

* 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