

<b>REPORT REFERENCE NO.</b>	<b>DSFRA/20/17</b>
<b>MEETING</b>	<b>DEVON &amp; SOMERSET FIRE &amp; RESCUE AUTHORITY</b>
<b>DATE OF MEETING</b>	<b>23 OCTOBER 2020</b>
<b>SUBJECT OF REPORT</b>	<b>ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY MEETING</b>
<b>LEAD OFFICER</b>	<b>Director of Governance &amp; Digital Services</b>
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	<b><i>That an additional full Authority meeting be held on Wednesday 16 December 2020, commencing at 10.00hours.</i></b>
<b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b>	<p>Social distancing restrictions as a result of Covid-19, together with Regulations introduced in response to the pandemic, meant that a reduced programme of Authority meetings was initially put in place for 2020/21. Red One Ltd. has been affected similarly by the pandemic and would normally have held an Annual General Meeting in June or July.</p> <p>The Authority's Standing Orders provide that the Authority's calendar of meetings may be varied (either by addition, re-arrangement or cancellation) at full Authority meetings. Having now successfully established the facility to hold 'virtual' meetings, the Authority is asked to consider holding an additional meeting on 16 December 2020 to consider, amongst other things: a progress report on implementing the changes within the Safer Together Programme agreed at the meeting of the Authority on 10 January 2020; the outcome of the external review of the Authority's governance arrangements undertaken by the Centre for Governance &amp; Scrutiny; and to also facilitate an Annual General Meeting of Red One Ltd.</p>
<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	Nil.
<b>EQUALITY RISKS AND BENEFITS ANALYSIS</b>	N/A
<b>APPENDICES</b>	Nil.
<b>BACKGROUND PAPERS</b>	Nil.

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