

AT A MEETING of the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Fire & Rescue Authority  
(Shadow Authority) of held virtually via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, 3rd  
June, 2020

Chairman: \* Councillor Christopher Carter

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| * Councillor Roz Chadd         | * Councillor Sharon Mintoff      |
| * Councillor Liz Fairhurst     | * Councillor Roger Price         |
| * Councillor Jason Fazackarley | * Councillor David Simpson       |
| * Councillor Jonathan Glen     | * Councillor Dave Stewart        |
| * Councillor Geoffrey Hockley  | * Councillor Rhydian Vaughan MBE |

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Councillor Chris Carter was proposed by Councillor Chadd and seconded by Cllr Fairhurst for the position of Chairman of the Shadow Authority for the municipal year. This was then taken to a vote and Councillor Carter was duly appointed.

2. **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

Councillor Roz Chadd was proposed by Councillor Carter and seconded by Councillor Fairhurst for the position of Vice Chairman of the Shadow Authority for the municipal year. This was taken to the vote and Councillor Chadd was duly appointed.

3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

All Members were present and no apologies were noted.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were mindful of their duty to disclose at the meeting any disclosable pecuniary interest they had in any matter on the agenda for the meeting, where that interest was not already entered in the Authority's register of interests, and their ability to disclose any other personal interests in any such matter that they might have wished to disclose.

5. **DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations for the meeting.

6. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and emphasise importance of the first meeting of the Shadow Authority along with the process that had been undertaken.

Councillor Dave Stewart, Leader of the Isle of Wight Council also spoke in support of the partnership.

7. **MEMBER DEVELOPMENTS**

There were no developments to report for this meeting.

8. **CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT FIRE AND RESCUE SHADOW AUTHORITY**

The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire & Rescue Authority (H&IWFRA) considered a paper of the Clerk (item 8 in the minute book) to set up the Constitutional and governance arrangements for the Shadow Authority ahead of the transition into the Combined Fire Authority (CFA) in April 2021. The Order had allowed Members to be appointed and there were currently 11 Members on the Shadow Authority. From April 2021 all Committees would be politically balanced, but this didn't apply to the Shadow Authority year.

Paragraph 11 summarised the Constitutional arrangements. The new CFA would be subject to same local legal requirements and therefore the usual democratic processes applied. It was proposed that the arrangements mirror those in place for HFRA with the same Clerk and Chief Finance Officer.

The table highlighted in paragraph 19 portrayed which parts of the Constitution would apply from June 2020 and those from April 2021 once the CFA was in place. The Shadow Authority would have no power over the existing HFRA until April 2021 and the Standards & Governance, Stakeholder and other relevant Committees would not require appointments until April 2021.

Members debated the Clerk to the Authority continuing as the Chief Executive of the County Council, and it was felt that this was a historic tradition no longer required. As the Combined Authority would be a new independent body, Members agreed that it would be appropriate to look at the Clerk and Monitoring officer role within the Shadow Authority year to see whether there was a more suitable way forward.

**RESOLVED**

a. H&IWFRA noted the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 and their effects in enabling the Authority to hold virtual meetings, as set out in the report.

b. H&IWFRA noted the political composition of H&IWFRA as set out at Appendix 1.

c. H&IWFRA appointed John Coughlan, Chief Executive of Hampshire County Council as the Clerk and Monitoring Officer of H&IWFRA.

d. H&IWFRA appointed Rob Carr as the Chief Financial Officer of H&IWFRA.

e. H&IWFRA adopted, with immediate effect, the parts of the Constitution set out

at paragraph 19 and Appendix 2 which were stated to be applicable from 3 June 2020 and noted and agreed those parts of the Constitution that will only apply with effect from 1 April 2021.

f. H&IWFRA agreed that from 3 June 2020 to 31 March 2021, references to the Chief Fire Officer (or to other specific officers, such as the Chief of Staff) in any parts of the Constitution that apply from 3 June 2020 shall be construed as meaning the Chief Fire Officer (or other specific officer) of HFRA.

g. H&IWFRA granted a dispensation to all members of the Authority who have a home, house or land in the Authority's administrative area to participate and vote in any item of Authority business connected to setting the precept.

h. That the H&IWFRA will continue to review the position in recommendation c over the course of the municipal year.

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Chairman,