

AT A MEETING of the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority held virtually on  
Microsoft Teams on Wednesday 10th February, 2021

Chairman:

\* Councillor Christopher Carter

\* Councillor Roz Chadd  
\* Councillor Liz Fairhurst  
\* Councillor Jason Fazackarley  
\* Councillor Jonathan Glen  
\* Councillor Geoffrey Hockley

\* Councillor Sharon Mintoff  
\* Councillor Roger Price  
Councillor David Simpson  
\* Councillor Rhydian Vaughan MBE

\*Present

Also present with the agreement of the Chairman: Councillor David Stewart and Enzo Riglia from the Police and Crime Commissioners office.

**312. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor David Simpson.

**313. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To enable Members to disclose to the meeting any disclosable pecuniary interest they may have in any matter on the agenda for the meeting, where that interest is not already entered in the Authority's register of interests, and any other pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any such matter that Members may wish to disclose.

**314. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Under matters arising, it was noted that fire evacuation procedures were still being looked at, along with connectivity with other Services as part of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry. The minutes of the last meeting were then reviewed and agreed.

**315. DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations for the meeting.

**316. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman confirmed that it was the last Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority (HFRA) meeting after 24 years. The Authority thanked officers and staff of Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service for their work since 1997. Councillor Dave Stewart thanked the Service on behalf of the Isle of Wight for the support and help during the Covid pandemic. Councillor Jonathan Glen also thanked the

current Chairman and previous Chairmen of HFRA for their contributions to the Authority.

**317. MEMBER DEVELOPMENTS**

There were no updates from Members.

**318. TRADING COMPANY**

The Authority considered a report from the Chief Fire Officer (item 7 in the minute book) regarding the existing structure of 3SFire Ltd, as a normal trading company limited by shares, and the proposal of 3SFire's board (the Board) that 3SFire should be re-registered as a community interest company (CIC).

The 3SFire Stakeholder Committee (the Stakeholder Committee) discussed the proposal to convert the legal structure to a CIC at their meeting on 11 November 2020. The Stakeholder Committee supported the proposals for the change that are outlined in this report, subject to the approval by HFRA.

It was highlighted that the CIC structure was designed to allow organisations to secure official recognition of a wider social purpose by accepting an obligation to share their prosperity with the community. Social enterprises established as CICs could use their legal status to promote their social mission and were often able to attract grant funding that was not available to "normal" companies, whilst still providing some measure of reward to members.

Members agreed that the change to a CIC structure would make 3SFire Ltd more transparent in how it operated and were supportive of the proposals.

**RESOLVED**

a) The Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority approved the conversion of 3SFire Ltd to a community interest company limited by shares to take effect shortly after the start of 2021/22 financial year.

b) The Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority approved the Articles of Association (Appendix A) to be adopted by 3SFire Ltd on its conversion to a community interest company and the wording of the draft member resolutions at Appendix B.

c) The Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority approved the change of the name of 3SFire Ltd to "3SFire Community Interest Company".

d) The Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority authorised the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Stakeholder Committee to sign the written member's resolutions at Appendix B in order to implement the Authority's decision for conversion to a CIC, with such resolutions to be signed during the week commencing 29 March 2021 and then sent to the Registrar of Companies (together with the application for conversion to a community interest company) within 14 days (as is required by the Companies Acts).

319. **MINUTES FROM STANDARDS & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE - 17 NOVEMBER 2020**

The Authority received the minutes from the Standards & Governance Committee meeting on 17 November 2020, noting that there had been a very high standard noted by the External Quality Assessment.

320. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The exempt minutes were agreed as part of item 3 on the agenda and so the Authority did not go into exempt session.

321. **EXEMPT MINUTE FROM 9 DECEMBER HFRA MEETING (MEMBERS ONLY)**

The minute was agreed along with the open minutes at item 3.

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Chairman,