

**TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY****MEETING: 23FEBRUARY 2009**

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**SUBJECT: RETIREMENT OF ASSISTANT CHIEF FIRE OFFICER DAVID SIMPSON****JOINT REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, THE CLERK TO THE AUTHORITY, THE FINANCE OFFICER AND THE PERSONNEL ADVISOR TO THE AUTHORITY**

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**1 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Authority that Assistant Chief Fire Officer David Simpson has announced his intention to retire from Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service in May 2009 and to inform the Authority that a report is included in Part II of the agenda with regard to the resultant vacancy.

**2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 ACO David Simpson has served in Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service for 33 years, during which time he has been responsible for a wide variety of departments and has overseen the introduction of a range of innovations and initiatives which have helped the Authority to improve the service it provides to the public.
- 2.2 Overall his contribution throughout his 33 year career has been exemplary and he has played a significant part in shaping our Service and in raising our standards overall.
- 2.3 The Chief Fire Officer wishes to place on record his appreciation for all of the hard work that Mr Simpson has undertaken over the years and the support he has provided throughout his time. The Authority may also wish to record their appreciation for the service that he has given.

**3 EQUALITY AND FAIRNESS IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 There are no equality and fairness implications in respect of this report.

**4 HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no health and safety implications in respect of this report.

**5 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 5.1 The Authority is recommended to:
- a) Note that Mr Simpson intends to retire in May 2009 ;
  - b) Acknowledge his contribution to Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service.