

## Item 3 (i)

**Tyne and Wear Fire  
and Rescue Authority**



Minutes of the Meeting of the  
TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND  
RESCUE AUTHORITY held in the  
Fire and Rescue Service  
Headquarters, Barmston Mere on  
MONDAY 16 OCTOBER 2023 at  
10.30am.

### **Present:**

Councillor Tye in the Chair

Councillors Bell, Dodds, Haley, Hunter, Keegan, Patterson, Usher, G. Smith, Warne, Wood, and Woodwark.

### **Part I**

#### **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Burdis, Johnson, Keegan, Kilgour, and Welsh.

#### **Announcements**

The Chair advised the Authority that the transition between former Chief Fire Officer Lowther and the current Chief Fire Officer, Peter Heath had been successful.

#### **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **Minutes**

21. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) The Minutes of the Meeting of the Authority held on 11 September 2023, Part I be confirmed and signed as a correct record; and
- (ii) The Minutes of the Meeting of the Disciplinary Committee held on 11 August 2023, Part I be noted for information.

## Statement of Assurance

The Chief Fire Officer/Chief Executive (the Clerk to the Authority), the Finance Director and the Personnel Advisor to the Authority submitted a joint report outlining the Statement of Assurance 2022/2023 for the Authority.

Members were reminded that the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority was required to prepare an annual Statement of Assurance in accordance with the Fire and Rescue National Framework for England 2018.

The Statement of Assurance 2022/2023 demonstrated how the Authority met the requirements of the National Framework 2018; focusing on the governance, financial, and operational activity that took place between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023.

The Statement provided a comprehensive overview of how the Authority maintained high standards and fulfilled its statutory duties and was attached as Appendix A of the report.

The Chief Fire Officer advised that the Statement of Assurance 2022/2023, confirmed that the business of the Authority had been conducted in accordance with good governance standards and that public money had been accurately accounted for.

The Authority had and continued to operate effectively, efficiently, and with a focus on fair and equitable practices that supported the workforce and the communities of Tyne and Wear.

Members noted that the Statement of Assurance had also been submitted to and considered by the Governance Committee.

22. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) The contents of the report be noted;
- (ii) The Authority agreed that they were satisfied the Statement of Assurance 2022/2023 properly and accurately reflected the risk environment and good governance arrangements; and
- (iii) The Statement of Assurance 2022/2023 be progressed for public Publication.

(Signed) P. TYE  
Chairperson