

TYNE & WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

Item: 4

MEETING 20TH DECEMBER 2010

RETIREMENT OF THE FINANCE OFFICER

REPORT OF THE CLERK TO THE AUTHORITY

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to note the retirement of George Blyth, Finance Officer to the Authority and agree the designation of Malcolm Page as the Authority's Finance Officer and Section 151 Officer.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Authority is advised that the Finance Officer, George Blyth, will retire in January 2011 after 40 years of service with Sunderland City Council. He has been associated with Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority in a number of capacities since Sunderland took over lead authority responsibility for financial services in 1986, when he became the First Principal Accountant, providing support to David Wishart, the Finance Officer at that time. He has been performing the role of Finance Officer to the Authority since 1st April 2010.
- 2.2 Following a senior management restructure at Sunderland City Council in January 2010, a new post of Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services was created and the posts of Director of Financial Resources and Chief Solicitor were deleted. The Chief Solicitor, Bob Rayner, retired on 30th September 2010 and George Blyth will retire as Director of Financial Resources in January 2011.
- 2.3 Mr Malcolm Page, currently the Deputy Chief Executive of One North East, has been appointed to the new post of Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services, with Section 151 responsibilities for the City Council and will take up his appointment with effect from 1st January 2011.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Authority is recommended to agree the designation of Mr Malcolm Page as the Authority's Finance Officer and as the responsible officer under Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972, with effect from 1st January 2011.

