

North East Fire and Rescue Regional Management Board

BOARD MEETING

At a meeting of **the North East Fire and Rescue Regional Management Board**, held at Cleveland Fire Brigade Headquarters, Endeavour House, Stockton Road, Hartlepool on 15 December 2009 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT

Councillor B. Forster
(In the Chair)

COUNCILLORS

Cooney, N.
Forster, B.
Jones, B.
Lindley, I.P.

Magee, C
Thomson, L.
Wright, T.H.
Woodwark, T.

SUBSTITUTES

Avery, B.

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IN ATTENDANCE

Bennett, L.M.
Cook, N.
Emmerson, A.
Hayton, I.A.

Henderson, R.P.D.
Hesler, B.
Holmes, A.
Johnson, S

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G. Dunning, M. Forbes, N. Forbes, P.E. Porley, and R. Styring, Mr. I. Bathgate.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor B. Forster and I. Lindley declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in relation to any items relating to the LACC Board.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the North East Fire and Rescue Regional Management Board held on 3 November 2009 as circulated, be confirmed as a true record

4. NEFRA 2 COLLABORATIVE PFI PROJECT: GATEWAY REVIEW

Members received a report informing them of the initial arrangements to conduct a Gateway Review in respect of the NEFRA (2) Collaborative PFI Project.

It was reported that Gateway Reviews were conducted by Local Partnerships and were considered to be examples of good practice and provided transparency and robustness to the conduct of PFI Projects. Interviews would be carried out with all key personnel. Following the review, a comprehensive report would be produced and circulated to all Collaborative Authorities prior to presentation to the RMB for endorsement.

A pre-meeting would be held on 6 January 2010 and the Gateway Review 2 would take place 26-28 January 2010.

The Chairman thanked the Officers for their hard work.

RESOLVED that

- (1) the implementation of Gateway Review 2 be approved.
- (2) the interviews and discussions with Gateway Review Team be undertaken as required.
- (3) the financial implications be endorsed
- (4) the Local Partnership's report following the Review be received
- (5) further Gateway reviews be considered in due course.

5. RMB BUDGET AND CONSTITUENT AUTHORITY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2010/11

Members were asked for their views regarding the construction of the Regional Management Board budget for 2010/2011 and the level of contributions required from each of the constituent Authorities.

It was reported that a balance of £145,000 was expected at the end of the current financial year and that the contributions from the constituent authorities should remain at zero as in the previous year.

It was suggested that no contributions be sought from authorities in 2010 and that the accumulated balance be used to fund expenditure again in 2010/2011.

RESOLVED that no contributions be sought from constituent authorities for the 2010/2011 financial year.

