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SPECIAL MEETING - SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE BOARD

THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2023 @ 1600 HRS

**BRAIDWOOD SUITE, SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE HEADQUARTERS,
WESTBURN DRIVE, CAMBUSLANG G72 7NA / VIRTUAL (MS TEAMS)**

PRESENT:

Kirsty Darwent, Chair (KD)
Stuart Ballingall (SJB)
Brian Baverstock (BB)
Malcolm Payton (MP)
Tim Wright (TW)

Fiona Thorburn, Deputy Chair (FT)
Steve Barron, (SB)
Angiolina Foster (AF)
Paul Stollard (PS)
Mhairi Wylie (MW)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ross Haggart (RH)	Chief Officer
Stuart Stevens (SS)	Deputy Chief Officer
Andy Watt (AW)	Assistant Chief Officer, Director of Training, Safety and Assurance
Mark McAteer (MMcA)	Director of Strategic Planning, Performance and Communications
Sarah O'Donnell (SO'D)	Director of Finance and Contractual Services
Lyndsey Gaja (LG)	Interim Director of People
John Thomson (JT)	Head of Finance and Procurement
Kevin Murphy (KM)	Group Commander, Board Support Manager
Heather Greig (HG)	Board Support Executive Officer
Debbie Haddow (DH)	Board Support/Minutes

OBSERVERS

Colin Brown, Fire Brigades Union

1 WELCOME

- 1.1 The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed those participating via MS Teams.
- 1.2 The Committee were reminded to raise their hands, in accordance with the remote meeting protocol, should they wish to ask a question and that the meeting would be recorded for minute taking purposes only.

2 APOLOGIES

Liz Barnes, Interim Deputy Chief Officer (Corporate Services)
David Farries, Assistant Chief Officer, Director of Service Delivery
David Lockhart, Assistant Chief Officer, Director of Service Development

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3 CONSIDERATION OF AND DECISION ON ANY ITEMS TO BE TAKEN IN PRIVATE

- 3.1 The Committee agreed that the *New Mobilising System Invitation to Tender* (Item 7) would be heard in the private session due to confidential commercial/financial information (Standing Order 9E).

4 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

- 4.1 There were no declarations of interest noted.

5 LEADHILLS COMMUNITY FIRE STATION

- 5.1 The Chair advised that the Leadhills Community Fire Station report had previously been presented and approved in the private session of the 26 October 2023 Board meeting. This was due to the confidential nature of some information contained within the previous report. For transparency, the report was being presented today for ratification in a public session of the Board.

- 5.2 SS presented the report noting that the recommendations made were based on the outcomes of the public consultation and these were:

- Close Leadhills Community Fire Station.
- Undertake a targeted Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSV's) initiative within the villages of Leadhills and Wanlockhead to address any safety concerns for residents before the end of the calendar year.
- Continue to deliver community safety initiatives and HFSV engagement to the communities of Leadhills and Wanlockhead as part of the Lanarkshire LSO business-as-usual prevention and protection strategy.

- 5.3 **With cognisance that the Board had previously scrutinised and approved the recommendations in private session, the Board publicly ratified their previous decision and approval of the recommendations.**

6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 6.1 The next full meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 14 December 2023 at 1000 hrs.

- 6.2 There being no further matters to discuss, the public meeting closed at 1605 hrs.

PRIVATE SESSION

7 NEW MOBILISING SYSTEM – INVITATION TO TENDER

- 7.1 SS presented the report to the Board to provide the opportunity to scrutinise the New Mobilising System (NMS) Invitation to Tender (ITT) documentation.

- 7.2 The Board noted and welcomed the assurance being provided by the Change Committee's confidence at the rigour of the process.

- 7.3 **The Board scrutinised the report.**