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Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Safer & Stronger Communities - Monday, 14 February 2011

Statement of Decision

Present:

Councillor Mrs J. Heathcoat, Cabinet Member for Safer & Stronger Communities

Officers: Colin Thomas, Deputy Chief Fire Officer; Nathan Travis, Assistant Chief Fire Officer; Julie Dean, Law & Governance

South East Fire Control Centre Ltd

Documentation considered:ReportSouth East Fire Control Centre Ltd

A copy is attached to the signed copy of this decision.

Declarations of interest:

Summary of representations in person Nil

Cabinet Member's Comments

The Cabinet Member considered a report by the Deputy Chief Fire Officer (CMDSSC4) which sought endorsement of actions necessary to formally dissolve the South East Fire Control Centre Ltd and for Oxfordshire County Council to cease to be a Corporate Member of the company.

Decision

Having regard to the arguments and options set out in the documentation before me, the representations made to me and the further considerations set out above, I confirm my decisions on this matter as follows:

It was AGREED: to

- a) direct the nominated representative, representing Oxfordshire County Council as the Corporate Member, to endorse the winding up of the company by way of dissolution at the next SEFRCC Board meeting; and
- b) direct the Monitoring Officer and Head of Law and Governance to provide advice and support as necessary to avoid any ongoing Company liabilities transferring to the County Council or the Nominated Director.

Signed Cabinet Member for Safer & Stronger Communities

Date

Consultation on the Future of Fire Control Services in England

Documentation considered:

Report

Consultation on the Future of Fire Control Services in England

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Summary of representations in person Nil

Cabinet Member's Comments

The Cabinet Member had before her a report (CMDSSC5) which sought formal endorsement of the Chief Fire Officer's proposed response to the Department of Communities and Local Government consultation, which had been released as a consequence of the termination of the Regional Fire Control project (FiReControl).

With regard to question 8 of the consultation (paragraph 13, page 8 of the report), the Cabinet Member heard that a mid point development of the existing system would be recommended by the Fire Authority (option 2).

Decision

Having regard to the arguments and options set out in the documentation before me, the representations made to me and the further considerations set out above, I confirm my decisions on this matter as follows:

With regard to question 8 of the consultation document (paragraph 13, page 8 of the report), it was reported that a mid point development of the existing system would be recommended by the Fire Authority (Option 2)

It was AGREED to

- a) endorse the indicative responses to the above consultation questions;
- b) delegate to the Chief Fire Officer authority to make any non material amendments and additions to allow submission by the due date; and
- require the Chief Fire Officer to ensure that any material amendments and additions made to the CLG submission will be subject to further consultation with the responsible Cabinet Member.

Signed Cabinet Member for Safer & Stronger Communities

Date