

DETAILED RESPONSES TO MEMBERS' QUESTIONS : FRA – 25TH JUNE 2018



At the Fire and Rescue Authority held on 9th April 2018, Members asked for the following information. Updates against each are provided.

An update report on SYFR's Property and Procurement Services be presented to the Audit and Governance Committee in June 2018.

Update

- A report appears on the FRA Ordinary meeting, 25th June 2018 at [Item 10](#).

That the financial implications of SYFR paying the foundation living wage to be presented to the Authority meeting in June 2018 for Member approval.

Update

- This issue is addressed as part of [Item 20](#) – Impact of Local Government National Pay Offer 2018 and 2019 (Green Book Employees) – see page 187 onwards.

2017-18 Financial Performance Report : An update

Members would be provided with additional information on the total amount of miscellaneous spend for supplies and services that was over 10%.

Update

- The year end outturn cost captured under the “miscellaneous expenses” category of expense was £405k. The following is a summary of these costs

	£,000
Contribution to Lifewise Centre	124
Contribution to First Partnership	14
Hospitality for meetings	19
Food & Drink for training courses	20
Publicity for campaigns	20
Subscriptions	69
CHQ parking	12
Provisions for CHQ & TDC canteens	66
Non-material expenditure < £10k	61
Total	405

Members would be provided with a response in relation to the projected overspend on the Airwave radio system of £0.024m.

Update

- Each year Motorola apply a BEAMA index charge to the Airwave contract based on usage in the previous year. The BEAMA index applied in 2017/18 was 5% = £24k which was higher than in previous years. This information was not available when the 2017/18 budget was set, which is why it shows as an overspend against the Airwave budget. It should be noted that the 2017/18 Airwave Grant received from

Government was £49k higher than expected, which more than offsets the increased cost of Airwave in the year.

Preparedness for General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

Members noted that a report would be presented to the Audit and Governance Committee in June 2018 to brief Members on GDPR.

Update

- The meeting on 25th June 2018 is an extraordinary meeting to approve the draft Statement of Accounts and also the Annual Governance Statement.
- Therefore, it is likely this report will be submitted to the July meeting of Audit and Governance Committee, or as needed.

Draft Performance Management Framework 2018/19

The targets to be included within the Performance Management Framework for 2018/19 would be presented to the next Authority meeting for approval.

Update

- The Performance Management Framework Targets is a separate report on the FRA Ordinary meeting at [Item 17](#).

Police and Fire Collaboration Board papers

Members would be provided with a copy of the 'People Transition Process' document from Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Update

- This document was circulated to Members by e-mail on 20th June 2018 and is not suitable for the public domain.

Key issues arising from the Performance and Scrutiny Board

Resolution i) – That a report on the implications of the 'Kerslake Report : An independent review into the preparedness for, and emergency response to, the Manchester arena attack on 22 May 2017', be submitted to a future Performance and Scrutiny Board in order to provide reassurance to the residents of South Yorkshire.

Resolution ii) – that SYFR would explore all of the recommendations arising from the Kerslake Report in order to consider the implications for SYFR moving forward, and to continue to advise Members on the progress made.

Update

- A report appears in the 'exempt items' (Item 25) of the FRA Ordinary meeting and is, therefore, not publicly available.