



**Agenda
for the Meeting
of the
Royal Berkshire Fire Authority**

Wednesday, 13th November, 2024

At

6.30 pm

RBFRS Headquarters
Lynda Kenyon Suite
Newsham Court
Pincents Kiln
Calcot
Reading
Berkshire
RG31 7SD

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S U M M O N S

You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of the Royal Berkshire Fire Authority at the time, date and venue indicated above, when it is proposed to deal with the business set out in the enclosed Agenda.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Graham Britten'.

GRAHAM BRITTEN
Monitoring Officer

To: Members of the Royal Berkshire Fire Authority:

Councillor Mohammed Nazir	Councillor Wendy Griffith
Councillor Greg Bello	Councillor Dave McElroy
Councillor Dennis Benneyworth	Councillor Owen Jeffery
Councillor Tina McKenzie-Boyle	Councillor Wayne Smith
Councillor Jeff Brooks	Councillor Helen Taylor
Councillor Tricia Brown	Councillor Lou Timlin
Councillor Billy Drummond	Councillor Simon Werner
Councillor Rachelle Shepherd-DuBey	Councillor George Blundell
Councillor Peter Frewer	Councillor Zafar Satti
Councillor Paul Gittings	Councillor Harjinder Gahir

Copy to: Senior Leadership Team (SLT), Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies of absence received from Councillor Tina McKenzie-Boyle.

2. Declarations of Interest

Purpose:

To receive declarations of interest from Councillors relating to items to be considered at the meeting, in accordance with the provisions of the Fire Authority's Local Code of Conduct, and any from Officers.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2024 (Pages 7 - 16)

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the meeting and any recorded actions held on 12 September 2024 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. Petitions and Questions from the Public under Standing Orders 19 and 25

Purpose:

To receive any questions from members of the public, in accordance with Standing Orders 19 and 25.

5. Receipt of Announcements

Purpose:

To receive any announcements from the Chair or the Chief Fire Officer.

6. Issues arising from the Audit and Governance Committee

Recommendation:

That it be noted that no reports have been referred by the Audit and

Governance Committee.

7. Questions from Members under Standing Order 30

Purpose:

To receive any questions from Members under Standing Order 30.

8. Notices of Motion under Standing Order 44

Purpose:

To receive any notices of Motion under Standing Order 44.

9. Recommendations of Committees

Purpose:

To note agenda item 15 has been recommended from Audit and Governance Committee on 28 March 2024.

10. Cultural Development Presentation

Purpose:

To receive a presentation on Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service (RBFRS) Cultural Development.

11. Enabling Remote Attendance and Proxy Voting at Local Authority Meetings Consultation (Pages 17 - 36)

Purpose:

To agree the establishment of a cross-party task and finish group to respond to the Government's Consultation on Enabling Remote Attendance and Proxy Voting at Local Authority meetings, agree delegated Authority be given to the Chair on the final consultation response, and to note the Fire Authority's response to the consultation will be brought back to the Fire Authority in February 2025.

12. Productivity and Efficiency Plan (Pages 37 - 50)

Purpose:

To note an update on the Productivity and Efficiency Plan.

13. Annual Treasury Report and Mid-year report (Pages 51 - 70)

Purpose:

To note the Annual Treasury Report and Mid-year report.

14. Thames Valley Fire Control Service (TVFCS) Joint Committee Annual Report 2023/24 *(Pages 71 - 76)*

Purpose:

To note the contents of the TVFCS Joint Committee Annual Report 2023/24.

15. Annual Report on Governance *(Pages 77 - 88)*

Purpose:

To note the report, Members Allowances and Member attendance from 1 June 2023 to 31 May 2024.

16. Forward Plan *(Pages 89 - 92)*

Recommendation:

That the Forward Plan be noted.

17. Minutes of the Standing Committees

Recommendation:

To note Minutes of recent meetings were published on RBFRS website
<http://www.rbfrs.co.uk/about-us/fire-authority/fire-authority-meetings/>

18. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 19 February 2025, 6.30pm at RBFRS Headquarters, Newsham Court, Pincents Kiln, Calcot, Reading RG31 7SD.
