



# **HEREFORD & WORCESTER Fire and Rescue Authority**

Appointments Committee

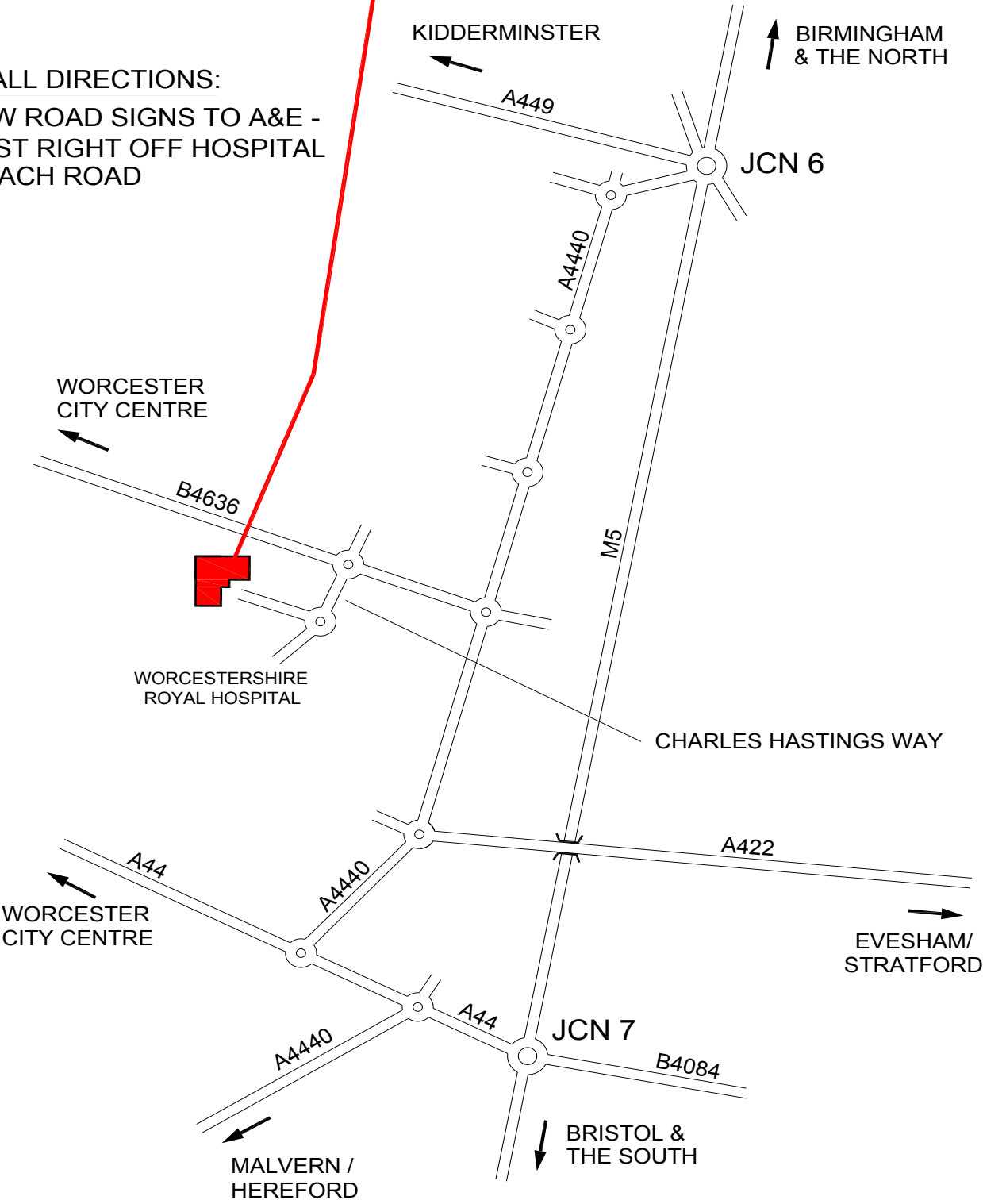
## **AGENDA**

25 January 2012  
1.30pm

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## WELCOME AND GUIDE TO TODAY’S MEETING

These notes are written to assist you to follow the meeting. Decisions at the meeting will be taken by the **Councillors** who are democratically elected representatives and they will be advised by **Officers** who are paid professionals. The Fire and Rescue Authority comprises 25 Councillors and appoints committees to undertake various functions on behalf of the Authority. There are 19 Worcestershire County Councillors on the Authority and 6 Herefordshire Council Councillors.

### Agenda Papers

Attached is the Agenda which is a summary of the issues to be discussed and the related reports by Officers.

### Chairman

The Chairman, who is responsible for the proper conduct of the meeting, sits at the head of the table.

### Officers

Accompanying the Chairman is the Chief Fire Officer and other Officers of the Fire and Rescue Authority who will advise on legal and procedural matters and record the proceedings. These include the Clerk and the Treasurer to the Authority.

### The Business

The Chairman will conduct the business of the meeting. The items listed on the agenda will be discussed.

### Decisions

At the end of the discussion on each item the Chairman will put any amendments or motions to the meeting and then ask the Councillors to vote. The Officers do not have a vote.

## Agenda

### Councillors

Mr D W Prodger MBE (Chair), Brigadier P Jones (Vice-Chair),  
Mr T Bean, Mrs L Duffy, Mr J Campion, Mr A Hardman, Mr T Spencer, Mr K Taylor,  
Mr J Thomas, Mr R Udall, and Mr P Watts.

	<b>Pages</b>
<b>1. Apologies for Absence</b> To receive any apologies for absence.	
<b>2. Declaration of Interests (if any)</b>  The Members' Code of Conduct requires Councillors to declare any interests against an Agenda item, the nature of an interest and whether the interest is personal or prejudicial. If a Councillor has a personal interest, they must declare it but can stay, take part and vote in the meeting. If a Councillor has a prejudicial interest then they must declare what that interest is and leave the meeting room for the duration of the item.  This item allows the Chairman to invite any Councillor to declare an interest in any of the items on this Agenda.	
<b>3. Confirmation of Minutes</b> To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 2010 (copy attached).	<b>1-2</b>
<b>4. Exclusion of the Press and Public</b>  <b>In the opinion of the Clerk to the Authority the meeting will not be, or is not likely to be open to the public at the time item 5 is considered for the following reason:</b>  <b>Item 5 is likely to disclose information relating to an individual.</b>	
<b>5. Appointment of a Clerk / Monitoring Officer and a Treasurer</b>	<b>3-19</b>

**Please note that these minutes will remain as a draft until formally confirmed as a correct record at the next meeting and signed by the Chairman.**

## **Appointments Committee**

**8 July 2010, 10.30am**

**Council Chamber, The Guildhall, High Street, Worcester**

**Present:** Brigadier P Jones CBE (Chair), Mrs P A Andrews, Mr T J Bean, Mr J H R Goodwin, Mr G C Yarranton.

### **7. Apologies for Absence**

Mrs L. Duffy, Mr S J Clee, Mr D W Prodger MBE, Mr K Taylor, Mr R Udall.

### **8. Named Substitutes**

None

### **9. Declaration of Interests**

None

### **10. Confirmation of Minutes**

**RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Appointments Committee held on 29 April 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.**

### **11. Exclusion of Public and Press**

The Clerk to the Authority recommended that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of item number 6: "*Terms and Conditions of Employment*" on the grounds that if they were present during such consideration it was likely that there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Section 100 (I) and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 i.e. it was likely that information relating to any individual would be disclosed and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosure. The Clerk explained that a public report would be published at the conclusion of the matter.

A representative of the Press was given permission by the Chairman to address the Committee. The Press representative stated that the meeting should take place in public session for the following reasons:

- meeting in private opened the Authority up to criticism by the public;
- elected members should be seen to represent their constituents; and

- the affair was likely to take longer to be resolved if meetings continued to take place in private session.

The Clerk responded that meeting in the public arena would not bring the issue to a close any quicker than if the meeting took place in private session, as recommended.

Cllr Tom Bean moved to exclude the public and press. Cllr Gordon Yarranton seconded the motion.

***RESOLVED that the public and the press be excluded from the Meeting for the consideration by the Committee of Item number 6: "Update on Notice Provisions".***

## **12. Update on Notice Provisions**

The Deputy Monitoring Officer, Mrs Anne Brown presented her report to the Committee.

***RESOLVED that delegated authority be given to Mrs Anne Brown acting as Deputy Monitoring Officer to the Authority in consultation with the Chairman of the Appointments Committee to further extend the notice period as set out in paragraph 10 of the report.***

The meeting ended at 10:55 am

Signed:..... Date:.....  
Chairman