



HEREFORD & WORCESTER Fire and Rescue Authority

Special Meeting of the Audit Committee

AGENDA

17 September 2008

10.30am

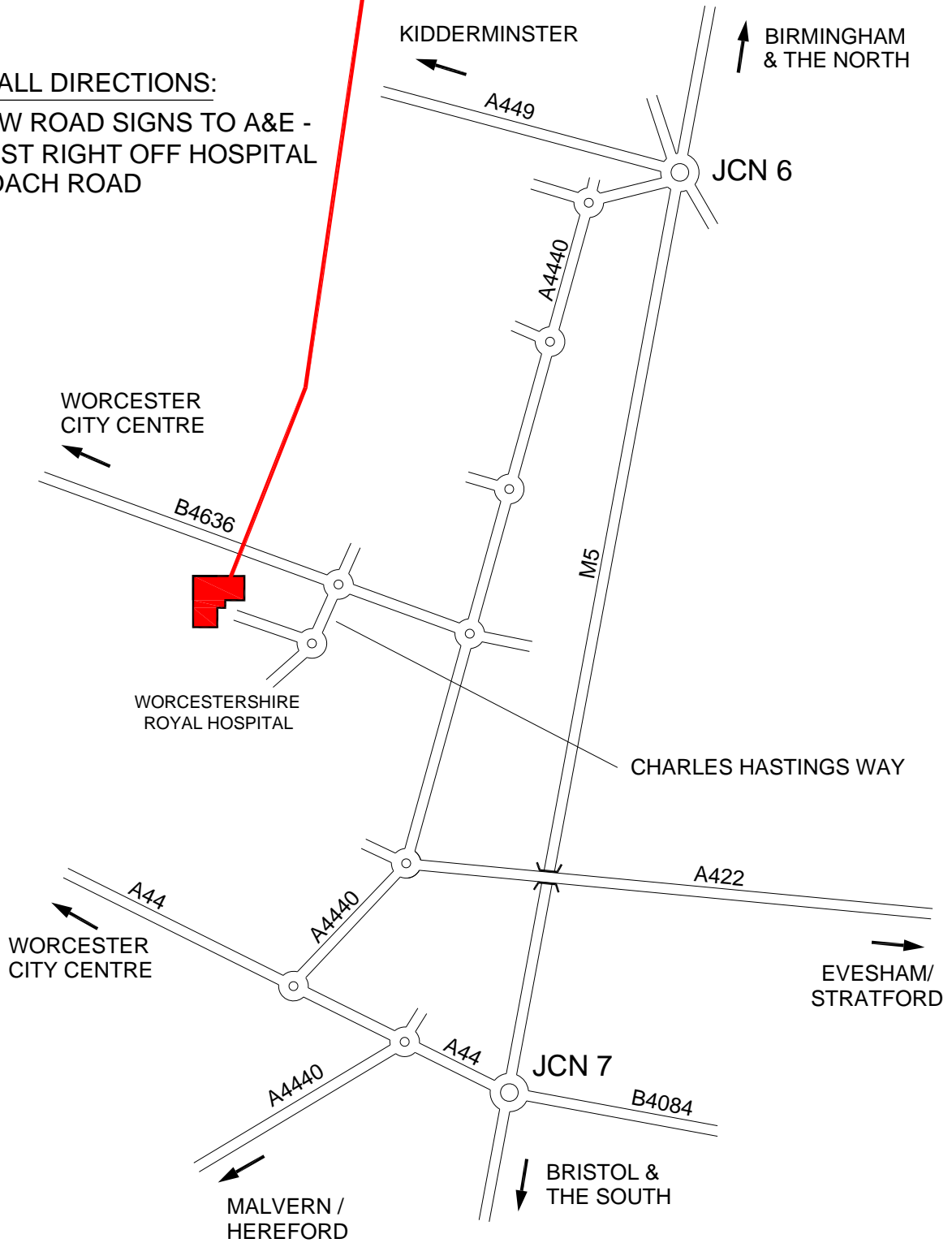
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- 2 Tackle the fire with the appliances available – **IF SAFE TO DO SO**.
- 3 Proceed to the Assembly Point for a Roll Call –
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WELCOME AND GUIDE TO TODAY’S MEETING

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

Herefordshire:

Worcestershire:

Mrs M L Drinkwater (Chairman), Mr P T Mills, Mr W E Moore, J R Webb (Vice Chair), Mr G C Yarranton.

	Pages
1. Apologies for Absence	
To receive any apologies for absence.	
2. Named Substitutes	
To receive details of any Member of the Authority nominated to attend the meeting in place of a Member of the Committee.	
3. Declaration of Interests (if any)	
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.	
4. Statutory Financial Statement Report 2007/08 – to follow	
5. External Audit Report – to follow	