

# REPORT OF THE LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY - 20 FEBRUARY 2023

## CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

On behalf of the Authority, the Chairman acknowledged the bravery and commitment of Lancashire Firefighters who were amongst those deployed to Turkey as part of the UK's International Search and Rescue Team following the recent earthquakes in Southern Turkey and neighbouring Syria. Members noted that 77 firefighters from across the UK went to Turkey (including 4 dogs) who were deployed really quickly; with 6 of the Firefighters and 2 dogs from Lancashire. The dogs had been crucial to scent live casualties and the team effected successful rescues.

The Chairman presented the Director of Corporate Services / Treasurer to the Authority, Mr Keith Mattinson with a clock in recognition of his long service, dedication and hard work. The Authority applauded Mr Mattinson and extended their best wishes to him for the future. Members had been involved in running the recruitment process last year and Mr Steven Brown would be starting in the role at the end of the month.

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Rick Scott who had replaced Councillor Tony Williams on the Authority from Blackpool Council.

## PAY POLICY STATEMENT FOR 2023/2024

In accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 a pay policy statement for 2023/24 was considered and approved. The pay policy published data on senior salaries and the structure of the workforce and demonstrated the principles of transparency. The pay policy statement set out the Authority's policies for the financial year relating to the remuneration of its chief officers; the remuneration of its lowest paid employees; and the relationship between the remuneration of its chief officers and that of other employees who were not chief officers.

## FINANCIAL STRATEGY INCLUDING REVENUE BUDGET 2023/24 - 2027/28

The Financial Strategy encompassed: the Treasury Management Strategy, Reserves and Balances Policy, the Capital Strategy and Budget and the Revenue Budget.

The Authority considered and approved a report of the Treasurer that presented a gross revenue budget requirement for 2023/24 of £68.183m. The Authority considered and approved council tax options for 2023/24 which met the requirements to deliver a balanced budget and maintain an adequate level of reserves and determined a £5.00 increase (6.4%, 10 pence per week) resulting in a council tax of £82.27 for a Band D property.

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