

Humberside Fire Authority  
26 March 2007

Report by the  
Chief Fire Officer & Chief Executive

**RETIREMENT OF PETER WHELDALE MBE  
ASSISTANT CHIEF OFFICER (CORPORATE SERVICES)**

INTRODUCTION

1. At its meeting in June 2006 the Fire Authority considered a paper that proposed organisational changes to the Corporate Governance arrangements.
2. Having considered the proposed changes Members resolved that the Assistant Chief Officer (Corporate Services) be permitted to retire early at such time as the Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive was satisfied that adequate succession arrangements were in place (Minute 1707 refers).
3. With the successful appointment of the Head of Law, Administration and Information Technology and the Head of Assets and Resources completed and having now taken up their posts the Chief Fire Officer is satisfied that effective succession arrangements have been provided.
4. Assistant Chief Officer Wheldale will be retiring from the service on 31st March 2007.

CAREER PROFILE

5. Peter began his Local Government career in 1972 with the former Kingston upon Hull County Borough Council. He joined the Fire Service Management Team in 1984 becoming a member of the Chief Officer's Group in 1991. Immediately prior to that he was a member of the Humberside County Trading Standards Management Team.
6. Peter also served as a Retained Duty System Firefighter and Leading Firefighter for 14 years. Quite significantly his role as a Firefighter provided him with a thorough and balanced insight into the operation of the Service. During his time as a Retained Firefighter Peter attended numerous incidents including the fire at the Royal Station Hotel, the largest post war incident in the city, involving the rescue of 150 guests.
7. In 2003 Peter extended his responsibilities by taking up the post of Secretary to the Humberside Fire Authority. Taking up the role at a difficult time he has served the Authority with distinction by offering guidance and applying first class organisational skills.

8. In the New Year's Honours List in 2004 Peter Wheldale was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) for services to the Fire Service. He has also achieved academic success in completing a Bachelor of Arts degree with honours and a Master of Science degree with distinction.

9. During his career Peter has also been involved in various fund raising events for the Fire Services National Benevolent Fund and other charities.

RECOMMENDATION

10. Peter has completed more than 30 years service in Local Government and the Fire Service and I am sure Members will wish to offer him their thanks and best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

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Background Papers: Nil

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