

## **North Somerset Council**

**10 January 2023**

### **Report on the Avon Fire Authority meeting 14 December 2022**

**Councillor Don Davies**

Meeting held at Severn Park

1. request from PCC Shelford to join AFA was agreed.
2. Revenue budget for 2022/3 projects a minor overspend which is a very good outcome given the cost pressures.
3. Agreed to examine in detail us taking over the Severn Park site at the end of the PFI project in 2028 as our preferred delivery location for training.
4. Agreed the framework for the development of our Service Plan from 2023, noting the significant changes in local demographics highlighted in 2021 census and technological changes, especially around electrically powered mobility and battery usage, as well as increased provision around high rise accommodation, as part of densification.
5. AFA received a further report on the implications of the McCloud judgment on pension age discrimination and the Home Office have still not resolved this very complex matter. In the meantime AFA as scheme manager will still deal with each affected individual on a case by case basis. Fuller details are in the long report in the meeting papers!
6. In closed session a new IT services contract was awarded.
7. AFRS contributed specialist resource to the fire services in Jersey, following the tragic incident at the block of flats in St Helier. This included our search dog, Sally.