

Motherwell, 28 October 2002 at 3 pm.

A Meeting of the **EMERGENCIES COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor McCabe; Convener; Councillor Smith, Vice-Convener; Provost McCulloch; Councillors Connelly and McLaughlin.

CHAIR

Councillor McCabe (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Chief Executive; Director of Administration; Assistant Chief Executive and Head of Protective Services.

NATIONAL STRIKE BY THE FIRE BRIGADES UNION - CONTINGENCY ARRANGEMENTS

1. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 27 October 2002 by the Chief Executive (1) enclosing a copy of a briefing note, which had been issued to Members, setting out the proposed periods of strike action by the Fire Brigades Union together with contingency arrangements established to co-ordinate a response in the event of industrial action; (2) referring to the announcement by the Fire Brigades Union that strike action had been suspended pending further negotiations and that if no progress was made, the strike planned to commence on 6 November 2002 would proceed, and (3) outlining the financial implications for the Council due to possible increased staffing levels outwith normal working hours and payments for those required to provide cover at the Joint Operations Co-ordination Centre, Glasgow.

Thereafter, the Assistant Chief Executive outlined, in more detail, the action taken to date in relation to the contingency plans.

Decided:

- (1) that Departments be authorised to incur reasonable and essential additional expenditure to prevent the risk of fire or to respond appropriately in the event of a fire incident, and
- (2) that the contingency arrangements established to prepare for, and respond to, industrial action by fire fighters be noted.