

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>POLICY &amp; FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>FRIDAY 4 AUGUST 06</b>
<b>REPORT NO.</b>	<b>CFO/147/06</b>
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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>REDEPLOYMENT OF THE SECOND APPLIANCE FROM CROXTETH FOR TRAINING PURPOSES</b>

### Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to advise members of the redeployment of the second fire appliance at Croxteth fire station due to the demand for refresher training for personnel who will provide the interim firefighting capability in the event of industrial action by the Fire Brigades Union (FBU).

### Recommendations

2. This report recommends that members support the redeployment of the second fire appliance at Croxteth for the purposes of training.

### Background

3. At the Policy and Finance Committee meeting of the 27<sup>th</sup> July 2006 members approved the request from the Chief Fire Officer to redeploy the fire appliances from Bootle/Netherton and Croxteth fire stations for the purposes of training of personnel who will provide the interim firefighting capability in the event of industrial action by the FBU.
4. The appliance from Bootle/Netherton was subsequently redeployed from the station on the 28<sup>th</sup> July, to the Training and Development Academy (TDA).
5. The refresher training commenced on the 29<sup>th</sup> July and will run throughout the duration of the FBU industrial action.
6. The second appliance from Croxteth was expected to be needed on an 'as-and-when' basis. However, because of the large numbers of personnel who will provide protection to the Merseyside community in the event of a FBU strike, the Croxteth appliance is needed to be dedicated to this training role which will minimise the disruption to Croxteth Fire Station.

### Risk Management Implications

7. A professional assessment has been undertaken which has identified that the optimum appliances to redeploy for the purposes of training are appliances from both Bootle/Netherton and Croxteth.

### Financial implications

8. We will comply with all agreed procedures as we transfer surplus personnel from the two fire stations to reduce the number of detached duties to cover for staffing elsewhere in the service.