

February 2006

Membership - we currently have 65 members in the Group

The inaugural meeting at Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Conference Centre, Stone, Staffs on 23rd January 2006 was attended by the Chairman, the Secretary and six other members and one guest, who became a member of the Group during the meeting. There were over 20 apologies.

34 members had expressed views by e-mail prior to the meeting and these were discussed by the members present as follows:-

Report of the Inaugural Meeting.

1) The question of "grouping" could not be resolved effectively at this stage - indeed many conflicting views had been submitted to the Secretary.

It was decided to continue as one Group with mainly e-mail communication for the time being, thereby ensuring the broadest base for data collation.

2) Your concerns fell into the following three main areas:

Culture (including behavioural risks)

Communications

Training/education (including motivation)

The group discussed these at length and decided to slightly re-define these headings as:

Organisational culture and motivation

Communicating

Training (staff), educating (managers) and incentives

3) The Chairman proposed that the data base was started by recording a list of the most **Frequently Answered Questions (FAQs)** under each of the above three headings. This was agreed by the meeting.

Next meeting

This will be arranged as soon as practical, but in any case not before May. Adequate notice will be given under separate cover. In the meantime:

Frequently Answered Questions (FAQs)

Could you please e-mail the Secretary with a note of the points that you have had raised under these three headings.

Please send a separate e-mail for each FAQ.

Confidentiality

The Chairman, Secretary and Sara Fureguard (**irm**) will sort and discuss these - any data subsequently made available for NEWSLETTERS and general publication will have been suitably checked for sensitive or employer secure information.

- **Newsletter - No. 4**

This will be issued during March, giving a report on data received.

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