

**WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

**25TH JUNE 2007**

**1. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON OTHER BODIES**

Report of the Clerk

**RECOMMENDED** that the Authority nominate representatives to serve on the bodies referred to in this report.

**2. PURPOSE**

The purpose of the report is to request the Authority to appoint representatives to serve on other bodies during 2007/2008.

**3. REPORT DETAILS**

- 3.1. The Authority is requested to appoint representatives to serve on other bodies. The following is a list of organisations to which appointments were made in 2006/2007 together with details of the members appointed for that year. An asterisk against the title of the body indicates that proportionality applies.

- **West Midlands Regional Management Board\***  
(3 representatives)

Chair of the Authority  
Vice-Chair of the Authority  
Councillor Eustace

The Authority is also requested this year to appoint three substitute members.

- **Local Government Association General Assembly**  
(4 representatives)

Chair of the Authority  
Vice Chair of the Authority  
Councillor Howard  
Councillor Eustace  
(*or their nominees*)

The Association encourages Authorities entitled to three or four representatives on the General Assembly to allocate one of those positions to Minority Group Leaders on their Authorities.

In 2006/2007, the Chair (Councillor Hinton) (or his nominee) was authorised to exercise the Authority's corporate vote at the General Assembly.

- **Local Government Association - Fire Service Forum**  
(3 representatives)

Chair of the Authority  
Vice-Chair of the Authority  
Councillor Eustace  
(*or their nominees*).

- **Local Government Association Urban Commission**  
(2 representatives)

Councillor S Davis  
Chief Fire Officer  
(*or their nominees*)

(Note: only elected members may vote at meetings. Authorities may appoint two elected members or one member and one officer.)

- **West Midlands Local Government Association**

#### **Association - Observer Member**

Chair of the Authority (Substitute – Councillor Idrees).

#### **Provincial Council**

Councillor Singh (substitute Councillor Spence)

- **Black Country Consortium**  
(1 observer member)

It is recommended that the appointed Member should be from one of the four Black Country boroughs.

Councillor Ryder

- **West Midlands Fire Control Local Authority Controlled Company**  
Councillor Hinton

#### 4. **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

In preparing this report an initial Equality Impact Assessment is not required and has not been carried out.

#### 5. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 provides that the principles of proportionality apply where the Authority makes more than three appointments to bodies specified in the Act. An indication has been given above where proportionality applies.

#### 6. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Provision has been made in the Authority's budget to meet any costs involved relating to Members' allowances.

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CLERK