

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

5TH MARCH 2007

1. **COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT (CPA)
OPERATIONAL ASSESSMENT**

Report of the Chief Fire Officer.

RECOMMENDED

THAT the Committee note the contents of the report attached as Appendix 1.

2. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report is submitted to inform Members of the outcomes of the Operational Assessment part of the Comprehensive Performance Assessment process specifically looking at the operational performance of the Brigade.

3. **BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 Members may recall that there are three broad parts to the CPA process. The first part deals with Use of Resources, the second Operational Assessment and third Direction of Travel, assessing how well the Authority is performing in terms of progress made since previous reviews.
- 3.2 Members may recall that when the full CPA was originally undertaken this Authority received a '**good**' rating. That rating will not change as a result of the present round of the CPA process which the Audit Commission has chosen to split down into a series of stages.
- 3.3 A full report will come to the April meeting of the Authority which will deal with all parts of the Comprehensive Performance Assessment process, set out above, however, in the meantime they have issued the Operational Assessment part of that process and this is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

- 3.4 Members may note that there are two parts to the Operational Assessment, the first deals with an actual visit by officers from the Communities and Local Government Department undertaking a review of the Service during the days that they spent in the Brigade.

The second part deals with the data provided in response to the performance against some of the Authority's Best Value Performance Indicators.

- 3.5 Members will be pleased to note that the outcome of this assessment is that this Authority has been judged as '**performing well**' in terms of the assessment of its operational performance. The Authority also received a similar rating in terms of our performance against some of the Best Value Performance Indicators prescribed as part of the review.
- 3.6 Officers will now be drawing up actions that will be incorporated into other Departmental Action Plans dealing with specific issues and recommendations arising from the improvements required for this report. The Performance Improvement Department will subsequently be looking at the overall outcomes of the Comprehensive Performance Assessment process and assessing the steps required to move this Brigade from a good performing Authority to one that is judged as excellent.

4. **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

In preparing this report an initial Equality Impact Assessment is not required as a consequence of this report as there is no change to any policy or function within the report.

5. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The course of action recommended in this report does not raise issues which should be drawn to the attention of the Authority's Monitoring Officer.

6. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

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