

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND CIVIL DEFENCE AUTHORITY

26TH JULY, 2004

1. DELEGATIONS TO CHIEF OFFICERS

Joint report of the Clerk, Chief Fire Officer and Treasurer.

RECOMMENDED

THAT the Authority adopt the revised list of delegations to Chief Officers as set out in Appendix 2.

2. PURPOSE

To consider a review of the list of the powers delegated to the Authority's Chief and Statutory Officers. This review aims to bring the list of delegations up to date and to validate the continued relevance of certain powers and duties previously delegated by the Authority.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972, the Authority is required to maintain a list of powers delegated to its Chief Officers and to make it available for public inspection.
- 3.2 Since the Authority was formed in 1986, a range of administrative and functional matters have been delegated to the Chief Fire Officer, Clerk and Treasurer to ensure that the Authority's powers and duties are properly and efficiently discharged. The list of delegated powers is maintained by the Clerk and forms an integral part of the Authority's overall governance arrangements.
- 3.3 Officers have undertaken a review of the list of delegated powers to ensure that the document is up to date and that individual delegations remain valid. Appendix 1 sets out the existing list of delegations along with comments on issues or amendments that need to be addressed. Appendix 2 sets out the revised list of delegations as recommended to the Authority for adoption.
- 3.4 This list of delegations supplements any functions or duties that may be undertaken by the Chief Fire Officer, Clerk and Treasurer:-
 - (a) in pursuance of their statutory obligations;
 - (b) as otherwise authorised by resolution of the Authority, one of its Committees, or in accordance with any standing orders, policies or procedures that may be adopted by the Authority from time to time.

4. **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct implications arising from this report.

5. **CORPORATE AIM SUPPORTED**

The principal corporate aim supported by this report is:-

1. To support the Authority in meeting its statutory duties, standards and expectations.

6. **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.

7. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

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CLERK

F J E SHEEHAN
CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

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