

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

26 JUNE 2023

1. CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

Report of the Clerk

RECOMMENDED

- 1.1 THAT Members approve the amendments to the Constitution as set out in this report, table of proposed changes and relevant Appendices included in this report.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 2.1 This report is submitted to make several changes to the WMFRA Constitution following a period of review.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Members approved a number of changes to the Constitution at the Authority Meeting of 13 February. It was noted at that meeting, that officers, in conjunction with the Chair and Vice-Chair, intended to make further, more significant changes to the Constitution to reduce its overall length, remove duplication, improve readability, and ease navigation.
- 3.2 It is intended that the newly updated Constitution will be presented as a number of separate documents on the website, with each section (e.g. Articles, Standing Orders or Scheme of Delegation) provided separately to ease accessibility.
- 3.3 A summary of all the changes is included within the table in Appendix 1.
- 3.4 The full tracked changes to the following key sections have been included as Appendices as this may be of particular interest to members:

- Part 2 – Articles (Appendix 2)
- Part 3 – Scheme of Delegations (Appendix 3)
- Part 4a – Standing Orders (Appendix 4)

4 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 4.1 No initial equality impact assessment has been undertaken as the substance of the changes to the Constitution do not impact on protected characteristics. However, it intended that the officers will also review the finalised Constitution formatting to ensure maximum accessibility for those that may use aids such as screen readers.

5 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Monitoring Officer has reviewed all proposed changes and does not believe there to be any additional legal implications for members.

6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no anticipated financial implications from these changes.

7 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 An Environmental Impact Assessment has not been undertaken as there are not believed to be any environmental implications from these changes. The Constitution will be provided in electronic format.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

[West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority Constitution – February 2023](#)

[Review of Constitution – Fire Authority Report, February 2023](#)

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