

<p>Notes of the Policy Planning Forum</p>
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15th November, 2004 at 9.30 a.m.
at the Fire Service Headquarters, Birmingham

Present: **Members of the Authority**

Councillors Afzal, Birbeck, Davis, Eustace,
Foster, Haque, Hinton, Hogarth, Howard, Idrees,
Jackson, Jevon, Kazi, Matchet, Rogers,
Underhill, Wallace and Ward.

Officers: **West Midlands Fire Service**

Chief Fire Officer – F Sheehan.
Deputy Chief Fire Officer – V Randeniya.
Assistant Chief Officers – A Brandon,
J Brown, R Hulland and D Smethurst.
A Rotchell – Chief Fire Officer's Staff Officer.
M Griffiths.

Clerk to the Authority

N Summers and G Wythes.

Treasurer to the Authority

L Bateman.

Observers: Mr C Topliss.

Apologies: Councillors Bowen, Lawrence, Mulhall, Perry, Ross
and Ryder.

24/04 **Restructure of Station Management**

The Director (Performance and Planning) reported on proposals for the restructuring of station management. The current proposals would improve communication and enhance line management for station commanders; re-align geographical boundaries with local authority neighbourhood management areas; and provide a strategic focus for service delivery within boroughs and cities within the West Midlands area.

A report on this matter was to be considered by the Authority at its meeting to be held on 22nd November, 2004.

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25/04 Duty Systems and Shift Patterns

This item was deferred for consideration at the next meeting.

26/04 Integrated Clothing Project (ICP)

The Director (Technical Services) outlined proposals to establish a national clothing contract for structural firefighting clothing (PPE), general work wear and clothing for certain non-uniformed support staff, which it was anticipated would form part of the National Procurement Strategy for the Fire Service. The presentation looked at the range of procurement and funding methods being developed to facilitate the scheme, and the practicalities and financial implications for the Authority.

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(Meeting ended at 11.45 a.m.)

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