WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

15 JUNE 2015

1. **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2014/15**

    Report of the Chair of the Scrutiny Committee.

    RECOMMENDED

    That the Committee gives consideration to the content and format of its Annual Report 2014/15 for submission to the next full meeting of the Authority.

2. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

    This report is submitted to members to seek approval to the Annual Report of the Scrutiny Committee 2014/2015.

3. **BACKGROUND**

3.1 The Scrutiny Committee was established at the Annual Meeting of the Authority in June 2012. The Committee was to undertake performance management functions and would also scrutinise HR matters, equality and diversity and health and safety across the service. Its purpose is to:-

    - inform policy development

    - hold officers and the Service to account

    - conduct reviews into specific issues

3.2 A draft Annual Report for 2014/15 has been prepared by the Chair of the Scrutiny Committee and is attached for comments by the Committee in preparation for submission of the report to the next Authority meeting.

4.   **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

In preparing this report an initial Equality Impact Assessment is not required and has not been carried out because the matters contained in this report do not relate to a policy change.

5.   **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no particular legal requirements for the Authority to establish a Scrutiny Committee; it is however considered good practice for authorities to have a vehicle through which monitoring and review of the Authority's policies and practices can be undertaken.

6.   **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Scrutiny Committee can, if required, access resources to be able to engage external professional advice. Most of its work however is undertaken by officers within the employ of the Authority and therefore no additional costs are incurred.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Authority and Scrutiny Reports.

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Chair of the Scrutiny Committee