

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

11th April, 2005

1. PERSONAL INSURANCE FOR FIREFIGHTERS

Report of the Chief Fire Officer and Clerk.

RECOMMENDED

THAT the report to be noted.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report is submitted to inform the Authority of urgent action taken in March 2005 in formulating a response to the Fire Brigades National Employers Circular EMP/6/05 which invited comments from Fire Authorities on the issue of personal insurance for firefighters who respond to terrorist incidents.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Urgent action was necessary in this case as a response was requested by 2nd March, 2005.

3.2 The detailed circumstances have been reported to the Chair and Vice-Chair. A copy of the report can be provided to any Member of the Authority on request.

4. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

Equality and diversity implications were taken into account in formulating the response.

5. CORPORATE AIMS SUPPORTED

The principal corporate aims supported by the information in this report are as follows:

1. To meet the Authority's statutory duties, standards and

expectations.

6. To care for the health, safety and welfare of all our people.

15. To be an influential Fire Authority.

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 the action described in this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Report of the Chief Fire Officer to the Chair and Vice Chair approved on 21st March 2005.

F J E SHEEHAN
CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

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CLERK