

# West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority

## Executive Committee

**You are summoned to attend the meeting of Executive Committee to be held  
on Monday, 12 December 2016 at 10:00**

**at Fire Service HQ, 99 Vauxhall Road, Nechells, Birmingham B7 4HW**

**for the purpose of transacting the following business:**

## Agenda – Public Session

- 1 To receive apologies for absence (if any)
- 2 Declarations of interests in contracts or other matters
- 3 Minutes of the Executive Committee held on 10 October 2016 **3 - 6**
- 4 Exclusion of the public and press  
Chair to move:- *"That the public and press be excluded from the rest of the meeting to avoid the possible disclosure of exempt information under Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 for the reasons stated below."*

## Agenda – Private Session

- 5 Future Governance Working Group Update

### **Distribution:**

Keith Allcock - Member, Adam Aston - Member, Andrew Cartwright - Member, Stuart Davis - Member, John Edwards - Chairman, Mohammed Idrees - Member, Melvyn Mottram - Member, Robert Sealey - Member, Paul Singh - Member, Gurdial Singh Atwal - Member

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## **Minutes of the Executive Committee**

**10 October 2016 at 1000 hours**  
**Fire Service Headquarters, Vauxhall Road, Birmingham**

**Present:** Councillor Edwards (Chair)  
Councillor Idrees (Vice Chair)  
Councillors Allcock, Singh Atwal, Cartwright,  
Dad, Davis, Sealey, Singh

**Apologies:** Cllr Mottram

7/16 **Minutes of the Executive Committee held on 21 March 2016**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2016, be approved as a correct record.

8/16 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

9/16 **Future Governance Working Group Sounding Board Terms of Reference**

Richard Bacon, Director, Price Waterhouse Cooper, addressed the Committee via Telephone Conference Call. Richard introduced himself as the Independent Chair of the Future Governance Working Group and stated that he had over 30 years' experience of working with local government and had worked with both the Police and Health Services, but had not worked directly with Fire before.

The Committee were given an outline of the purpose of the Group following the Authority recommendation to commence their work in February. This had been brought about

following the issue of the Police and Crime Bill, the (then) Home Secretary's (Theresa May) speech and the pending duty for all blue light emergency services to collaborate in an efficient and effective way.

A strong Working Group had been set up including five Members of the Fire and Rescue Authority and a broad spectrum of external professionals including:

Phil Loach, Chief Fire Officer  
Jonathan Jardine, Chief Executive, Office of the PCC  
Judy Foster, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner  
Simon Brake, Coventry and Warwickshire NHS  
Barbara Watts, Royal Society of Public Health  
Tony Yeoman, Deputy Chairman, NHS England  
Brian Nash, Home Office  
Paul Faulkner, Birmingham Chambers of Commerce  
Keith Ireland, Chief Executive, Wolverhampton  
Karen Gowreesunker, Clerk to the Fire Authority  
Satinder Sahota, Monitoring Officer

A number of members of West Midlands Fire Service are involved in the preparation of papers and facilitation of meetings.

The Group had discussed the Terms of Reference at the first meeting and had looked at areas of collaboration at the second meeting. The third meeting had addressed areas of Risk, Vulnerable Persons Officers, Data and Emergency Planning with the aim to evaluate these areas against the possible future governance options agreed by the working group.

The Group planned to look at the possibilities around collaboration first and governance secondly, as it was felt to be more important to understand the potential to deliver future services in a more collaborative (efficient and effective) way.

The Group had identified the possible future governance options for West Midlands Fire Service and would be evaluating these options before Christmas. The findings and

draft documents would then be produced in the New Year and presented to the Authority in February 2017.

The Chair thanked Richard Bacon for a succinct summary of the progress of the Working Group. It was noted that there would be a second feedback session at the Executive Committee on 12 December 2016, where it was felt there would be more meaningful evaluation feedback.

The Chair confirmed that the Working Group would be meeting twice during November and the dates of the meetings were included in the Terms of Reference attached to the pack of papers for the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 1018.

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