

Notes of the Policy Planning Forum

23rd May, 2005 at 9.30 a.m.
at the Fire Service Headquarters, Birmingham

Present: **Members of the Authority**

Councillors Birbeck, Bowen, S. Davis, Eustace,
Foster, Hinton, Hogarth, Howard, Idrees,
Jackson, Lawrence, Matchet, Mulhall, Rogers,
Ryder, Singh, 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.
M Griffiths and A Rotchell.

Clerk to the Authority

N Summers and G Wythes.

Treasurer to the Authority

L Bateman.

Observer: Councillor Tagger.

Apologies: Councillors Davies and Ross;
Mr Topliss.

10/05 **Update on Relocation of Fire Service Headquarters**

The Director of Technical Services and the Treasurer updated Members on the proposed relocation of Fire Service Headquarters, outlining the options identified by the Project Board for the relocation, the financial implications of each option, and an outline of the implications of remaining on the existing site.

A full report on this matter was to be considered by the Executive Committee later in the day.

11/05 **Performance Indicator Outturn**

The Director of Administration updated members on the Brigade's performance against its key indicators in 2004/05.

These statistics were the best ever performance for the Brigade against fire-related indicators, with significant reductions in the total number of fires, accidental fires in dwellings, arson and secondary and chimney fires. The year-on-year reduction in deaths from accidental fires was also continuing.

(Meeting ended at 11.50 a.m.)

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