

**Response from West Midlands Fire Service Birmingham City Council
Electoral Review**

Dear Sir or Madam

Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to be consulted upon proposals for change in respect of Birmingham City Council's electoral arrangements.

Our response to consultation is contained below.

In respect of the pattern of wards, West Midlands Fire Service agrees that any solution should be based and balanced upon the three criteria of

- electoral equality;
- the pattern of the wards should be as far as possible, reflect the interests and identities of local communities; and
- that electoral arrangements should provide for effective and convenient local government

The naming of local wards should be a matter for local communities. In the event of the redesign of wards involving the amalgamation of existing wards, we would wish that in determining a name relevant to local people that an amalgamation of the current wards names are considered. For example should Erdington and Stockland Green wards be combined the name of the new ward could be Erdington and Stockland Green ward. This continuity in naming will limit the disruptive impact of any proposed name change upon West Midlands Fire Service and the delivery of our services to our Birmingham communities as a result of an .

Other than above, West Midlands Fire Service is confident that any changes necessitated by this electoral review will not unduly or adversely impact upon the services it delivers or its local partnership arrangements

Yours Faithfully

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