

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

9TH JUNE 2005

1. **APPROVAL OF THE AUTHORITY'S BEST VALUE
PERFORMANCE AND BUSINESS PLAN**

Report of the Chief Fire Officer.

RECOMMENDED

THAT the Committee approve the Authority's Best Value Performance and Business Plan for 2005/2006.

2. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Executive Committee to the combined Best Value Performance and Business Plan.

3. **BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 Members may recall that at the April 2005 meeting of the full Authority, approval was given to revise the wording of the Vision Statement, Mission Statement, Corporate Aims, the top seven Business Plan objectives, the Departmental objectives and the Ten Year Scan.
- 3.2 The latest guidance on the production of an Authority's Best Value Performance Plan slightly relaxes the requirements in respect of the dates for publication. However, the reality is that to ensure the end of the previous year's data is included, targets have been set for next year and the subsequent two years, as well as the narratives regarding appropriate action, the workload means that the former statutory date of 30th June is still the most practical date to produce the document in order to save duplication of effort.
- 3.3 As in previous years, the intention is to provide a presentation on the contents of the plan to the Policy Planning Forum prior to the Executive Committee. A draft copy of the plan will be provided on

the day of the meeting.

4. **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

The combined plan shows a number of Authority commitments in respect of equality and diversity with the inclusion of a number of related indicators in the Best Value Performance Plan and a specific objective in the top seven business plan objectives within the Business Plan.

5. **CORPORATE AIMS SUPPORTED**

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

1. Meeting the Fire Authority's statutory duties, standards and expectations.
12. Improving channels of communication.

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**

The costs of producing the combined Best Value Performance and Business Plan will be accommodated within existing budget provision.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Best Value Performance Plan
Business Plan files
Report to Authority 11th April 2005 – Agenda Item 6 refers

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