

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

9TH JUNE 2008

1. **WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY'S DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2007/2008**

Report of the Chief Fire Officer

RECOMMENDED

THAT the Committee approve the Authority's draft Annual Report for 2007/2008 set out as Appendix 1 to this report [circulated separately].

2. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report is submitted to the Committee in order to approve the draft Annual Report for the 2007/2008 financial year.

3. **BACKGROUND**

3.1 On 17th March 2008 the Committee approved the three year Corporate Strategy 2008-2011 and the Annual Service Plan 2008/2009. Both documents are forward looking and identify how our service is to be delivered. The draft Annual Report for 2007/2008 is a look back at the previous year's progress and reports the outcomes against the Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPIs). It should be noted that as of 1st April 2008 there is no longer a requirement to publish this information and, therefore, this will be the final document that details the BVPIs in this way.

3.2 In preparing the attached Annual Report, Officers have taken the advice of KPMG to ensure compliance in content terms.

- 3.3 The Annual Report sets out the Authority's progress and achievements for 2007/2008 in the areas of prevention, protection (advice and enforcement), emergency response and organisation. In addition progress against the latest Direction of Travel is contained within the document. Photographs have been used extensively throughout the document and it is intended that the most up to date pictures of the new West Midlands Fire Service Headquarters will be taken following the meeting of 9th June 2008.
- 3.4 Financial information in the Annual Report on page 39 will be added following the Annual General Meeting that will take place on 23 June 2008.

4. **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

In preparing this report an Equality Impact Assessment was undertaken which did not raise issues which required a full Equality Impact Assessment to be completed.

5. **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.

6. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The costs of producing the Annual Report would be accommodated within existing budget provision. In line with the Environmental Strategy a limited number of paper copies will be produced. However, the Annual Report will be made available electronically via the Intranet and external Internet www.wmfs.net.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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