

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

27th June 2011

1. **DELEGATIONS TO CHIEF OFFICERS**

Joint report of the Clerk and Monitoring Officer, Chief Fire Officer and Treasurer.

RECOMMENDED

THAT the Authority approves the list of delegations to Chief Officers as set out in the attached Appendix.

2. **PURPOSE**

To consider the list of the powers delegated to the Authority's Chief and Statutory Officers.

3. **BACKGROUND**

3.1 Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972, the Authority is required to maintain a list of powers delegated to its Chief Officers and to make it available for public inspection.

3.2 Since the Authority was formed in 1986, a range of administrative and functional matters have been delegated to the Chief Fire Officer, Clerk and Treasurer to ensure that the Authority's powers and duties are properly and efficiently discharged. The list of delegated powers is maintained by the Clerk and forms an integral part of the Authority's overall governance arrangements.

3.3 This list of delegations supplements any functions or duties that may be undertaken by the Chief Fire Officer, Clerk and Treasurer:-

- (a) in pursuance of their statutory obligations;
- (b) as otherwise authorised by resolution of the Authority, one of its Committees, or in accordance with any standing orders, policies or procedures that may be adopted by the Authority from time to time.

- 3.4 The list of delegations attached as Appendix 1 was approved at the annual meeting of the Authority in June 2010, and subsequently amended in February 2011 with regard to disposal of decommissioned fire appliances.
- 3.5 A review of the Authority's governance is currently being carried out with a view to introducing a formal constitution for the Authority. As part of this exercise, the list of delegations to officers is being reviewed to ensure that it is fit for purpose and consistent with standing orders and financial regulations. The review has indicated that there is an opportunity to improve the format of the document to reduce duplication and to clarify the arrangements for delegated powers. Consultations are currently taking place at officer level with a view to bringing a draft to the September 2011 meeting of the Authority.

4. **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 4.1 In preparing this report, an initial Equality Impact Assessment is not required and has not been carried out.

5. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972, the Authority is required to maintain a list of powers delegated to its Chief Officers and to make it available for public inspection.

6. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

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