

**WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**12 OCTOBER 2015**

1. **ENABLING CLOSER WORKING BETWEEN THE  
EMERGENCY SERVICES – AUTHORITY CONSULTATION  
RESPONSE**

Report of the Clerk to the Fire Authority.

RECOMMENDED

THAT Members consider and approve the response to the proposals set out in the 'Enabling Closer Working between Emergency Services' consultation paper.

2. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report is submitted to provide the West Midlands Fire Authority with an opportunity to comment on and approve a response to the consultation paper 'Enabling Closer Working between the Emergency Services'.

3. **BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 On 11 September 2015 HM Government released a consultation document entitled 'Enabling Closer Working between the Emergency Services'. The document outlines proposals for greater collaboration for the three emergency services of Fire and Rescue, Police and Ambulance and shared governance for police and fire under Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs).
- 3.2 The consultation poses 16 questions which are designed to gather feedback from the public concerning how the proposals set out in the consultation document can be implemented in the most effective and efficient way. Responding against these specific questions will not enable Members to comment fully on the proposals being set out in the consultation document and, therefore, the Authority response will be structured around the topic areas covered in the proposals.

The closing date for responding to this consultation is 23 October 2015.

- 3.3 Following a period of consultation with West Midlands Fire Authority Members, a draft consultation response has been prepared and is set out in Appendix 1.

4. **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

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

The matters contained in this report will not directly lead to a policy change.

5. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The matters included in this report have no direct legal implications.

6. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The matters included in this report have no direct financial implications.

7. **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

The matters included in this report have no direct environmental implications.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Consultation paper: Enabling Closer Working between the  
Emergency Services, HM Government, 11 September 2015

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