

West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority

Appeals Committee

**You are summoned to attend the meeting of Appeals Committee to be held on
Monday, 16 April 2018 at 13:00**

at Fire Service HQ, 99 Vauxhall Road, Nechells, Birmingham B7 4HW

for the purpose of transacting the following business:

Agenda – Public Session

- 1 To receive apologies for absence (if any)
- 2 Declarations of interests
- 3 Minutes of the Appeals Committee held 15 May 2017 **3 - 4**
- 4 Exclusion of the public and press
Chair to move:- *"That the public and press be excluded from the rest of the meeting to avoid the possible disclosure of exempt information under Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 for the reasons stated below."*

Agenda – Private Session

- 5 Submission of Internal Disputes Resolution Procedure for FireFighters Pension Scheme
 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information);

Distribution:

David Barrie - Member, Lynda Clinton - Member, Neil Eustace - Member, Peter Hogarth - Member, Sybil Spence - Member, Seamus Walsh - Chairman

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Minutes of the Appeals Committee

15 May 2017
at Fire Service Headquarters, Birmingham

Present: Councillor Mottram (Chair)
Councillor Eustace
Councillor Barrie, Clinton, and Hogarth

Apologies: Councillor Spence

1/17 Minutes of the Appeals Committee held on 23 November 2015

Resolved that the minutes of the Appeals Committee held on 23 November 2015 be confirmed as a correct record.

2/17 Exclusion of the Public and Press

Resolved that the public and press be excluded from the rest of the meeting to avoid the possible disclosure of exempt information under Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, relating to any individual.

3/17 Submission of Internal Disputes Resolution Procedure (IDRP) for The Firefighters' Pension Scheme

In accordance with the Authority's procedures, the Committee considered an appeal, made under Section 50 of the Pensions Act 1995.

The Strategic Enabler (Finance and Resources) attended the meeting to outline the decision of the Deputy Chief Fire Officer of the 22 December 2016.

Having considered the evidence submitted by both parties, the Committee decided not to uphold the appeal because scheme information, including the opportunity to "opt out" was provided to the Appellant/made available during the membership of the Scheme. The Committee did not consider any Regulations had been breached by the Pensions Section.

Resolved that the appeal is not upheld and the decision of the Deputy Chief Fire Officer issued on 22 December 2017 be confirmed.

(The meeting ended at 12.45 pm)

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