

Notes of the Policy Planning Forum

1st December, 2008, at 9.30 am
at Fire Service Headquarters, Vauxhall Road, Birmingham

Present: **Members of the Authority**

Councillors Ali Khan, Chambers, Clinton, Delaney, Eustace, Gazey, Hinton, Howard, Idrees, Jones, Mulhall, O'Neill, Robinson, Ryder, S Davis, Singh, Spence, Stevenson, Sutton, Tagger, Turner and Ward.

Officers: **West Midlands Fire Service**

Acting Chief Fire Officer – V Randaniya;
Acting Deputy Chief Fire Officer – M Clarke;
Head of Human Resources – D Johnson.

Clerk to the Authority

N Sharma, S Phelps, G Wythes and A Sahota.

Treasurer to the Authority

L Bateman.

Visitor: M Greenburgh (Wragg and Co).

Apologies: Councillors Douglas–Maul, G Davies, Skinner and Twedde.

26/08 **Chief Fire Officer's Announcements**

The Acting Chief Fire Officer welcomed Members to the meeting.

He reported the tragic news that four people had died at the weekend due to road traffic accidents, which the Brigade had been required to attend.

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He reminded Members of the following forthcoming events:-

- 6th December, 2008 – Fire Service Band in Sutton Coldfield;
- 7th December, 2008 – Carol Service at St Luke's Church, Birmingham;
- 10th December, 2008 – Members' visit to the House of Parliament.

27/08 Post of Chief Fire Officer

The Acting Chief Fire Officer informed members of the immediate steps that had been taken to inform Brigade staff about the resignation of the former Chief Fire Officer and to ensure continuity of the service.

(V Randaniya and M Clarke left the meeting)

Members received an update from the Clerk and Monitoring Officer on matters relating to the Chief Fire Officer's post.

(Meeting ended at 10.20 am)

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