

GOVERNANCE AND TRANSFORMATION COMMITTEE

10 DECEMBER 2018

1. SCOPING THE ROLE OF THE MAYORAL FIRE COMMITTEE (MFC)

Report of the Clerk.

RECOMMENDED:

THAT members note the proposed approach to developing proposals for the role and scope of the Mayoral Fire Committee (MFC) within the Mayoral West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA).

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report is submitted to prepare members of the Committee for a second workshop wherein members will receive the information requested as part of the outcomes of the workshop held on 12 November 2018. This further research will enable members to progress proposals for the role of the MFC within the WMCA Mayoral governance arrangements.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 On 8 October 2018 the Committee convened at its inaugural meeting to approve its purpose, scope and key assumptions. The report set out the proposal to secure one of the key 'asks' arising from local authority and WMCA consultation on the governance review, scheme and draft Order in relation to the constitution and composition of the MFC.
- 3.2 Subsequently on the 12th November, members received a report which provided contextual backdrop to receive a presentation in workshop format.
- 3.3 As part of the workshop session on 12th November members received:
 - A broad overview of the implementation plan to support contextual understanding,
 - A review of the key themes arising from the Committee meeting on

8 October 2018,

- Noted the areas which were out of scope of the Committee
- Reviewed areas where there was clarity on what the Committee could and could not perform
- Considered the analysis of the governance requirements through committee structures in order to discuss the gaps and proposed way forward, having regard to the locally agreed governance principles, the principles which underpin them and the proposed remit of the MFC.

3.4 It was resolved that as a result of the outcomes of the workshop, the options identified would be developed further and submitted at the next meeting of the Committee (10 December 2018) for consideration and approval.

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 lead to and do not relate to a policy change at this stage.

5. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Overall legal implications in relation to the Governance Review and Scheme have been included in previous Authority reports.

There are, however, no immediate direct legal implications arising from this report.

6. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The financial implications have been included in previous reports to the Authority and this Committee. No further implications are identified at this stage.

7. **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are currently no environmental implications.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

[WMFRA 20 FEBRUARY 2017 ROUTE MAP TO A WEST MIDLANDS COMBINED AUTHORITY MAYORAL WMCA GOVERNANCE REPORT](#)

[WMFRA 20 FEBRUARY 2017 OUTCOMES OF THE FUTURE GOVERNANCE WORKING GROUP](#)

[WMCA 3 MARCH 2017 ROUTE MAP TO MAYORAL WMCA GOVERNANCE](#)

[AGM June 2017](#)

[WMCA 8 SEPTEMBER 2017](#)

[Governance Review and WMCA Scheme Report to Local Authorities](#) (17 October 2017 Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council example)

[Scheme](#)

[Governance Review](#)

[WMFRA 20 NOVEMBER 2017](#)

WMCA Board 8 December 2017 [Mayoral WMCA Governance of West Midlands Fire Service - Governance Review and Scheme](#)

[CONSULTATION OUTCOMES REPORT TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES](#) (21 March 2018 Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council example)

[WIDENING CFO Accountabilities 16 April 2018](#)

[ROUTE MAP TO MAYORAL COMBINED AUTHORITY GOVERNANCE: CONSULTATION OUTCOMES AND SCHEME SUBMISSION TO SECRETARY OF STATE 16 APRIL 2018](#)

[WMCA 14 SEPTEMBER 2018 GOVERNANCE OF WEST MIDLANDS FIRE SERVICE APPROVAL OF STATUTORY ORDER](#)

[WMFRA 17 SEPTEMBER 2018 ROUTE MAP TO MAYORAL COMBINED AUTHORITY GOVERNANCE](#)

[WMFRA GOVERNANCE AND TRANSFORMATION COMMITTEE 8 October 2018](#)

[WMFRA GOVERNANCE AND TRANSFORMATION COMMITTEE 12 NOVEMBER 2018](#)

[WMCA AUDIT AND RISK ASSURANCE COMMITTEE 12 NOVEMBER 2018](#)

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