

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND CIVIL DEFENCE AUTHORITY

22ND NOVEMBER, 2004

1. **QUESTIONS ON DISCHARGE OF FUNCTIONS**

Report of the Clerk

RECOMMENDED

THAT the Authority nominate Councillor Eustace as Deputy Lead Member to answer questions on the discharge of the functions of the Authority as required by Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985.

2. **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to nominate a further Member to answer questions put in the course of proceedings of constituent Councils on the discharge of the Authority's functions (as required by Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985).

3. **BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 Under Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985, arrangements have to be made for enabling questions on the discharge of the Authority's functions to be put in the course of the proceedings of any constituent district Council. Members of that Council can put questions to a Member who is nominated by the Authority for that purpose.
- 3.2 Although the Authority has responsibility for nominating Members, it is normal practice to seek the views of the district councils as to the person they wish to see nominated for this purpose. The following members were nominated at the Annual Meeting of the Authority held on 26th July, 2004:

	<u>Councillor</u>
Birmingham	Councillor Howard
Coventry	Councillor Matchet
Dudley	Councillor Ryder
Sandwell	Councillor Hinton
Solihull	Councillor Hogarth
Walsall	Councillor Pitt
Wolverhampton	Councillor Singh

- 3.3 I have subsequently received notification that Birmingham City Council on 12th October, 2004 nominated Councillor Eustace to serve as Deputy Lead Member for Birmingham.

4. **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct implications arising from this report.

5. **CORPORATE AIM SUPPORTED**

The principal corporate aim supported by this report is:-

1. To support the Authority in meeting its statutory duties, standards and expectations.

6. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The course of action recommended in this report does not raise issues which should be drawn to the attention of the Authority's Monitoring Officer.

7. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

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CLERK