

GOVERNANCE AND TRANSFORMATION COMMITTEE

12 NOVEMBER 2018

1. DEVELOPING 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 workshop environment wherein Members will receive a broad overview of the implementation plan to support contextual understanding. This understanding will provide a platform from which Members will continue to consider the develop the proposed role of the MFC.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 On 8 October 2018 the Committee convened at its inaugural meeting to approve its purpose, scope and key assumptions. To support this the Committee received a report detailing progress of the journey to transfer the governance of West Midlands Fire and Rescue Service (WMFS) to the Mayoral WMCA. The report set out the proposals to secure the key 'asks'.
- 3.2 The Committee agreed to the purpose, scope and key assumptions as part of the development of proposals which will define the roles and responsibilities of the MFC, aligned to those defined and approved by all local constituent councils through the Governance Review, Scheme and subsequent draft Order.

4. **APPROACH**

- 4.1 Whilst the strategic case for the MFC as part of the governance framework is set out in local reports, ultimately, it's commissioning is at the discretion of the Mayor. To support MFC in the articulation of proposals which are effective, the Committee will convene in a workshop environment and will:
 - 4.1.1 Receive a broad overview of the implementation plan to support contextual understanding
 - 4.1.2 Review the key themes from the Committee meeting on 8 October 2018.
 - 4.1.3 Note the areas which are out of scope of the committee to make recommendations on pursuant to paragraph 3.11 of the 8 October 2018 report.
 - 4.1.4 Review areas where there is clarity on what the Committee can and cannot do.
 - 4.1.5 Consider 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 proposals, the principles which underpin them and the proposed remit of the MFC.
- 4.2 The Mayor will need to agree to the final outcomes prior to submission the WMCA board. To support this the Mayor will need to be kept abreast of the development of the proposals in order to provide the opportunity for feedback.

5. **TIMELINE OF WORK**

The below is an indicative timeline and aligns to progress of the Order:

G&T meeting dates	Detail
8 October 2018	G&T Committee commission of work
12 November 2018	G&T Committee review of current and future governance committee structure for WMFS, as well as gaps and role of MFC
November 2018	Mayor to be engaged in developing proposals
10 December 2018	G&T Committee will review outcomes and propose recommendations for the role of MFC.
10 December 2018	Outline proposals to Authority PPF as part of engagement.
December 2018	Share proposals with Mayor for approval
11 January 2019	WMCA Board to agree constitutional proposals
28 January 2019	G&T Committee note outcomes from WMCA Board
18 February 2019	Authority reporting to note outcomes of WMCA Board.

6. **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.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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](#)

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