

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

27 March 2019

1. SCRUTINY REVIEW OF SAFEGUARDING

Report of the Chief Fire Officer.

RECOMMENDED

1.1. THAT the Committee considers and approves the attached report and recommendations from the Independent Reviewer appointed to undertake the Scrutiny Review of Safeguarding

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

For the Committee to receive the final report (Appendix 1) and the implementation action plan framework (Appendix 2) from the Independent Reviewer.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 On 4 June 2018, the Scrutiny Committee were asked to consider commissioning a Scrutiny Review of Safeguarding within West Midlands Fire Service (WMFS).
- 3.2 The Committee were presented with a suggested approach and scope for the review which were agreed.
- 3.3 The Review commenced in December 2018 and concludes with the presentation of this report.

4. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

In preparing this report an initial Equality Impact Assessment has not been carried out. An initial Equality Impact Assessment will be required within the implementation of the recommendations.

5. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Independent Reviewers report details WMFS statutory duties under the relevant safeguarding legalisation.

6. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Financial implications are dependent upon how WMFS implements the recommendations agreed.

7. **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Item 4 Scrutiny Committee 4 June 2018: Scrutiny Review of Safeguarding – Scoping Document

Item 4 Scrutiny Committee 12 September 2018 – Progress Update

Item 6 Scrutiny Committee 27 February 2019 – Presentation and verbal update

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