

Notes of the Policy Planning Forum

19th January, 2009, at 10.00 am
at Fire Service Headquarters, Vauxhall Road, Birmingham

Present: **Members of the Authority**

Councillors Alden, Ali Khan, Chambers, Clinton, Delaney, Gazey, Hinton, Howard, Idrees, Jones, O'Neil, Robinson, Ryder, S Davis, Singh, Skinner, Spence, Stevenson, Sutton, Tagger, Turner and Tweddle.

Mr Ager and Mr Topliss.

Officers: **West Midlands Fire Service**

Acting Chief Fire Officer – V Randeniya;

Acting Deputy Chief Fire Officer – M Clark;

Assistant Chief Officers – A Brandon and J Brown.

Clerk to the Authority

S Phelps, G Wythes and A Sahota.

Treasurer to the Authority

L Bateman.

Apologies: Councillors Douglas – Maul and Ward.
Mr Denny.

1/09 **Raising the Brigade Colours**

Members attended the ceremony to raise the Brigade colours for the first time outside the new Fire Service Headquarters.

2/09 **Acting Chief Fire Officer's Announcements**

The Acting Chief Fire Officer welcomed Members to the meeting.

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3/09 Service Plan

The Acting Chief Fire Officer reported on the outcome of the consultation process in respect of proposals in the Annual Service Plan 2009/2010.

Members were also informed of proposed changes to the proposals following the outcomes of the consultation process. The revised Service Plan would now be submitted to the Fire Authority for consideration.

Members thanked officers for taking on board the views expressed through the consultation process.

(At this point all officers of West Midlands Fire Service left the meeting)

4/09 Councillor Ward

The Chairman informed Members that Councillor Ward would not be attending meetings for a short while due to illness. He had sent a letter on behalf of Members wishing Councillor Ward a speedy recovery to good health.

5/09 Chairman's Briefing – Chief Fire Officer

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

(Meeting ended at 11.35 am)

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