

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

28th June 2010

1. **DELEGATIONS TO CHIEF OFFICERS**

Joint report of the Clerk, Chief Fire Officer and Treasurer.

RECOMMENDED

THAT the Authority adopts the list of delegations to Chief Officers as set out in the attached Appendix.

2. **PURPOSE**

To consider a review of the list of the powers delegated to the Authority's Chief and Statutory Officers. This review aims to bring the list of delegations up to date and to validate the continued relevance of certain powers and duties previously delegated by the Authority.

3. **BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972, the Authority is required to maintain a list of powers delegated to its Chief Officers and to make it available for public inspection.
- 3.2 Since the Authority was formed in 1986, a range of administrative and functional matters have been delegated to the Chief Fire Officer, Clerk and Treasurer to ensure that the Authority's powers and duties are properly and efficiently discharged. The list of delegated powers is maintained by the Clerk and forms an integral part of the Authority's overall governance arrangements.
- 3.3 This list of delegations supplements any functions or duties that may be undertaken by the Chief Fire Officer, Clerk and Treasurer:-
- (a) in pursuance of their statutory obligations;
 - (b) as otherwise authorised by resolution of the Authority, one of its Committees, or in accordance with any standing orders, policies or procedures that may be adopted by the Authority from time to time.

3.4 Minor amendments have been made to the list of delegations in respect of property management (1.1), on the advice of Sandwell's Corporate Property services, with which the Authority has a Service Level Agreement. On the advice of the Monitoring Officer the delegation in respect of signing off partnership agreements (5.1) has been amended to allow the Chief Fire Officer to proceed in *consultation* with the Clerk. Any delegations that referred to the Clerk have also been amended, where possible, to include the Monitoring Officer to allow greater flexibility on occasions when the Clerk is not available.

3.5 Proposed amendments to the list are highlighted in the text.

4. **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

4.1 In preparing this report, an initial Equality Impact Assessment is not required and has not been carried out.

5. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972, the Authority is required to maintain a list of powers delegated to its Chief Officers and to make it available for public inspection.

6. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

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CLERK

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CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

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TREASURER