

<p><b>Notes of the Policy Planning Forum</b></p>
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**12th September, 2005 at 10.00 a.m.**  
**at the Fire Service Headquarters, Birmingham**

**Present:**        **Members of the Authority**

Councillors Birbeck, Bowen, S Davis,  
Douglas-Maul, Eustace, Foster, Jones, Hinton,  
Howard, Hussain, Idrees, Jackson, Lawrence,  
Mulhall, Pitt, Ross, Ryder, Tagger, Underhill,  
Wallace and Ward;  
Mr Topliss.

**Officers:**        **West Midlands Fire Service**

Chief Fire Officer – F Sheehan.  
Deputy Chief Fire Officer – V Randeniya.  
Assistant Chief Officers – A Brandon,  
J Brown, R Hulland and M Park.  
M. Griffiths – Finance Officer.

**Clerk to the Authority**

N Summers, S Hancock and G Wythes.

**Treasurer to the Authority**

L Bateman.

**Apologies:**    Councillors Hogarth, Matchet, Rogers and Singh.

17/05    **Councillor Underhill**

Members welcomed Councillor Underhill back following a period of recuperation after being in hospital.

18/05    **Integrated Risk Management (IRM) Action Plan 2006/07**

The Chief Fire Officer reported that the main provisions of the IRM Action Plan 2005/06 had been tested by a major incident that had taken place overnight attended by in excess of 15 fire appliances. The incident had been managed effectively within the capabilities of the service.

Members heard a presentation from the Deputy Chief Fire Officer on

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the proposed Integrated Risk Management Action Plan for 2006/07, which was shortly to be recommended to the Executive Committee for a period of public consultation. Officers responded to questions from Members on the detail of the Action Plan.

### **19/05    Update on Business Plan Objectives**

The Chief Fire Officer updated Members on progress against objectives set out in the 10-year scan in the Business Plan.

(Meeting ended at 11.55 a.m.)

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