

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

24th SEPTEMBER 2007

1. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON OTHER BODIES

Report of the Clerk

RECOMMENDED that the Authority nominate a representative to serve on the West Midlands (Metropolitan Area) Road Safety Partnership for the period expiring with the Annual Meeting of the Authority in 2008, for review at that meeting.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of the report is to request the Authority to appoint a representative to serve on the West Midlands Road Safety Partnership.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. The West Midlands Planning and Transportation Sub-Committee of the West Midlands Joint Committee has established a West Midlands Road Safety Partnership with the membership and terms of reference shown on the attached Appendix. The Fire Authority is entitled to appoint one member to serve on this Partnership body.
- 3.2. Councillors Foster, S Davis and Douglas-Maul already serve on this body on behalf of their home authorities.

4. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 provides that the principles of proportionality apply where the Authority makes three or more appointments to bodies specified in the Act.

6. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Provision has been made in the Authority's budget to meet any costs involved relating to Members' allowances.

SUSAN PHELPS
CLERK

APPENDIX

THE WEST MIDLANDS (METROPOLITAN AREA) ROAD SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Mission statement:

To promote safety for all road users in the West Midlands Metropolitan Area, and support the delivery of the West Midlands targets for the reduction in the number and severity of road traffic accident casualties.

Membership:

Local Authorities (Council Members);

Birmingham City Council
Coventry City Council
Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council
Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council
Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council
Wolverhampton City Council

To be the West Midlands Planning and Transportation Sub-Committee Transport Representative or nominee. The Partnership Chairman will be one of these representatives, elected annually by the Partnership.

West Midlands Joint Authorities;

West Midlands Police Authority
West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority
Representation to be from the elected Members serving these authorities.

Other Agencies;

West Midlands Strategic Health Authority
Highways Agency
Her Majesty's Court Service

Partnership Support:

Technical: Chief Engineers and Planning Officers Group &
West Midlands Road Safety Sub-Group

Administrative: CEPOG Support Team

Financial Matters: District Treasurers and CENTRO

Governance:

The Partnership will report to the West Midlands Joint Committee, via the West Midlands

Joint Planning and Transportation Sub-Committee. It will have no statutory responsibilities or powers, and will submit decisions on financial allocation to the Planning and Transportation Sub-Committee for ratification.

The Partnership will follow normal local government practice for meeting management, code of conduct, etc.

The Partnership will select a chairman from the Planning and Transportation Sub Committee representatives, and will decide when and where to hold meetings (these are likely to be at intervals of not more than 3 months).

The partnership will co-opt any other agencies as deemed appropriate.

Role and Responsibilities for the Partnership:

1. To act as the principal advisor to the West Midlands Planning and Transportation Sub-Committee on Road Safety matters including the annual programme of activity to be undertaken to achieve the Local Transport Plan Targets.

2. Key Tasks:

The Partnership will undertake the following:

- Lead on behalf of the West Midlands Metropolitan Local Authorities on:
 - Publicity and campaigns to promote road safety in the West Midlands
 - Responding to Government consultation and other matters affecting road safety
- Administer, annually, the use of that part of the Specific Road Safety Grant retained for West Midlands Joint Initiatives, and monitor expenditure and outcomes.
- Monitor and review the management and operation of safety cameras in the West Midlands Metropolitan Area, and advise on the future renewal of the management agreement.
- Submit a report at 6-month intervals to the West Midlands Joint (Planning and Transportation) Sub-Committee setting out progress towards targets, and how value for money is being achieved to enable the Sub-Committee to determine future resource allocation for the achievement of the Local Transport Plan Targets.

3. Monitoring:

The Partnership will undertake the following:

- Monitor progress towards the traffic accident casualty reduction targets as set out in the West Midlands Local Transport Plan
- Monitor performance under the national Best Value Performance Indicator for road safety (BVPI 99)
- Monitor traffic accident trends within the West Midlands to develop an

understanding of the road safety issues facing the West Midlands Metropolitan Area.

- Monitor the Effectiveness and value for money of the West Midlands Driver Improvement programme.

4. Scrutiny of Road Safety Activities:

The Partnership will undertake scrutiny reviews of road safety activities in the West Midlands. The frame of reference for these reviews will be the West Midlands Local Transport Plan Vision and Objectives (see appendix). The review findings are to be reported to the West Midlands Joint (Planning and Transportation) Sub-Committee, along with any recommendations. The review areas will be determined by the Partnership in the light of progress towards targets and any specific concerns that are identified through monitoring and feedback from other interested groups.