

**WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**6<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2009**

1. **WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY'S DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2008/2009**

Report of the Chief Fire Officer.

RECOMMENDED

THAT the Committee approve the Authority's draft Annual Report for 2008/2009 set out as Appendix 1 to this report.

2. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report is submitted to the Committee in order to approve the draft Annual Report for the 2008/2009 financial year.

3. **BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 On 16<sup>th</sup> March 2009 the Committee approved the three year Corporate Strategy 2009-2012 and the Annual Service Plan 2009/2010. Both documents are forward looking and identify how our service is to be delivered. The draft Annual Report for 2008/2009 is a look back at the previous year's progress and reports the outcomes against the Local Indicators, previously agreed with the Lead Members for Performance Management.
- 3.2 The Annual Report sets out the Authority's progress and achievements for 2008/2009 in the areas of prevention, protection, emergency response, organisation and working with partners. The official opening of the new Fire Service Headquarters and Safeside features significantly in the many photographs that have been used throughout the document.

4. **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

In preparing this report an Equality Impact Assessment is not required and has not been carried out. The matters contained in this report do not relate to a policy change.

5. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The course of action recommended in this report does not raise issues which should be drawn to the attention of the Authority's Monitoring Officer.

6. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The costs of producing the Annual Report would be accommodated within existing budget provision. In line with the Environmental Strategy a limited number of paper copies will be produced. However, the Annual Report will be made available electronically via the Intranet and external Internet [www.wmfs.net](http://www.wmfs.net).

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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