

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

26th June 2006

1. **QUESTIONS ON DISCHARGE OF FUNCTIONS**

Report of the Clerk

RECOMMENDED

THAT the Authority nominates the Members listed below to answer questions on the discharge of the functions of the Authority as required by Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985.

2. **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to nominate Members to answer questions put in the course of proceedings of constituent Councils on the discharge of the Authority's functions (as required by Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985).

3. **BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 Under Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985, arrangements have to be made for enabling questions on the discharge of the Authority's functions to be put in the course of the proceedings of any constituent district Council. Members of that Council can put questions to a Member who is nominated by the Authority for that purpose.
- 3.2 Although the Authority has responsibility for nominating Members, it is normal practice to seek the views of the district councils as to the person they wish to see nominated for this purpose. I give below a list of the nominations received:-

	<u>Lead Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
Birmingham	Councillor Howard	Councillor Eustace
Coventry	Councillor Foster	Councillor Gazey
Dudley	Councillor Ryder	
Sandwell	Councillor Hinton	
Solihull	Councillor Hogarth	
Walsall	Councillor Pitt	Councillor Douglas-Maul
Wolverhampton	Councillor Singh	Councillor Bowen

4. **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 4.1 In preparing this report, an initial Equality Impact Assessment was undertaken which did not raise issues that required a full Equality Impact Assessment to be completed.

5. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 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**

- 6.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

SUSAN PHELPS
CLERK