

**WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

**26<sup>th</sup> June, 2006**

1. **INSTITUTION OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

Report of the Chief Fire Officer and Clerk

RECOMMENDED

THAT the report to be noted.

2. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report is submitted to inform the Authority of the institution of legal proceedings for failure to comply with the Fire Precautions (Workplace) Regulations 1997 (as amended) as indicated below.

3. **BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 It has been decided, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair, to instigate legal proceedings in respect of the following premises for failure to comply with the Fire Precautions (Workplace) Regulations, 1997 (as amended):

8PM Chemists, 61 Wolverhampton Road, Willenhall;  
Mueller Europe Ltd, Oxford Street, Bilston;  
Dixons Warehouse, Town Gate Retail Park, New Birmingham Road, Dudley.

- 3.2 The detailed circumstances surrounding the breaches of the legislation have been reported to the Chair and Vice-Chair. A copy can be provided to any Member of the Authority on request.

4. **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

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

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**

Any costs involved would be met from existing budgets.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Reports of the Chief Fire Officer to the Chair and Vice Chair approved on 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 24<sup>th</sup> May, and 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2006.

F J E SHEEHAN  
CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

SUSAN PHELPS  
CLERK