

West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority

Appointments, Standards and Appeals Committee

You are summoned to attend the meeting of Appointments, Standards and Appeals Committee to be held on Monday, 21 September 2020 at 15:00

at Digital meeting, [Venue Address]

for the purpose of transacting the following business:

Agenda – Public Session

This meeting of the WMFRA Appointments, Standards and Appeals Committee will be held digitally. To access the meeting, please contact a member of the Strategic Hub who will be able to provide login details.

- 1 To receive apologies for absence (if any)
- 2 Declarations of interests
- 3 Minutes of the Appointments Standards & Appeals Committee held 17 September 2018 **3 - 4**
- 4 Exclusion of the public and press
Chair to move:- *"That the public and press be excluded from the rest of the meeting to avoid the possible disclosure of exempt information under Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 for the reasons stated below."*

Agenda – Private Session

- 5 Submission of Internal Disputes Resolution Procedure
 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information);

Distribution:

Nicolas Barlow - Member, Greg Brackenridge - Member, John Edwards - Member, Peter Hogarth - Member, Zafar Iqbal - Member, Seamus Walsh - Chair, Patricia Young - Member

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**Minutes of the Appointments,
Standards & Appeals Committee**

Item 3

17 September 2018
at Fire Service Headquarters, Birmingham>

Present: Councillor Dehar (Vice-Chair)
Councillors Aston, Craddock, Hogarth and Tranter (substitute for
Cllr Edwards)

Apologies: Councillors Edwards, Spence and Walsh (Chair)

1/18 **Minutes of the Appeals Committee held on 23 November 2015**

Resolved that the minutes of the Appeals Committee held on 15 May 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.

2/18 **Exclusion of the Public and Press**

Resolved that the public and press be excluded from the rest of the meeting to avoid the possible disclosure of exempt information under Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, relating to any individual.

3/19 **Submission of Internal Disputes Resolution Procedure (IDRP) for The Firefighters' Pension Scheme**

In accordance with the Authority's procedures, the Committee considered an appeal, made under stage two of the IDRP of the Firefighters' Pension Scheme.

The Strategic Enabler (Finance and Resources) and the Payroll and Pensions Manager attended the meeting to outline the background to the appeal regarding a pension matter and the dispute related to the provision of information to the complainant as required under the Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (Disclosure of Information) Regulations 2013.

Having considered the evidence submitted by both parties, the Committee decided to not uphold the appeal because it was felt that at the time the member chose to opt into the scheme, enough information was available to the member to meet the requirements of the Disclosure regulations.

At stage one the member's complaint had been rejected. Following an appeal by the member to this decision, compensation had been offered for the inconvenience that the matter may have caused. The

Committee noted for the record that in addition to the stage two appeal not being upheld, that the offer of compensation was to also be withdrawn.

Resolved that the appeal is not upheld and that the decision of the stage one decision be confirmed.

(The meeting ended at 13.40 pm)

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