

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

30th March 2009

1. AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Report of the Clerk.

RECOMMENDED

- 1.1 THAT the Chairman's nomination of Councillor Gazey as the Lead Member in respect of the Property Asset Management Plan, be endorsed.
- 1.2 THAT the membership of the Executive Committee be increased from eight Members to nine to include the Lead Member for the Property Asset Management Plan.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To endorse the Chairman's nomination of the Lead Member for the Property Asset Management Plan and for the Authority to approve the amendment to the constitution of the Executive Committee to include another Lead Member.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At the Fire Authority meeting held on 9th February, 2009, the Authority authorised the Chairman to select a Member of the Authority to work with officers as Lead Member in respect of the implementation of the Property Asset Management Plan.
- 3.2 The Chairman has nominated Councillor Gazey as the Lead Member for the Property Asset Management Plan.
- 3.3 The Executive Committee currently comprises eight Members as follows:-

Chair of the Authority
Vice-Chair of the Authority
Lead Member for Performance Management
Lead Member for Human Resources
Lead Member for Equality and Diversity
3 additional Members (in accordance with proportionality) to include the Leader of the Main Opposition Group if not covered above.

3.3 The Lead Members with portfolio responsibilities for Performance Management, Human Resources and Equality and Diversity are currently Members of the Executive Committee. This ensures that these key issues are properly represented in the mainstream decision making processes and governance arrangements of the Authority. It is recommended that this practice continues and that the Lead Member for the Property Asset Management Plan is also appointed to the Executive Committee.

3.4 The addition of the new Lead Member does not affect the political balance of the Committee.

4. **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

In preparing this report an initial 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 Local Government and Housing Act 1989 provides that a joint authority has a duty to determine the allocation of seats to the different political groups represented on the Authority.

6. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct financial implications.

Background Papers

Report on the Property Asset Management Plan to the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority on 9th February, 2009

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CLERK