

<p><b>Notes of the Policy Planning Forum</b></p>
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**4 July 2011 at 10.30 am**  
**at Fire Service Headquarters, Birmingham**

**Present:**        **Members of the Authority**

Councillors Alden, Ali Khan, Andrew, Chambers, Clinton, Davies, Davis, Delaney, Docker, Douglas-Maul, Edwards, Foster, Griffiths, Hogarth, Idrees, O'Neill, Sandy, Singh, Spence, Stevenson, Tranter, Turner and Walsh.  
Mr Ager, Mr Denny and Mr Topliss.

**Officers:**        **West Midlands Fire Service**

Chief Fire Officer – V Randeniya.  
Deputy Chief Fire Officer – M Clark  
A Brandon, S Chidwick, M Griffiths, P Loach and D Johnson.

**Clerk and Monitoring Officer**

N Sharma and G Wythes.

**Treasurer**

S Kellas.

**Apologies:**        Councillors Eustace and Ryder.

14/11        **Building Upon Success - Update**

The Chair opened the session and reminded Members of the difficult financial situation facing the Authority and the need for forward planning to meet the challenges ahead. He indicated that Members had a key role to play in lobbying Government for an improved settlement and explaining the Authority's financial constraints in their constituent authorities.

The Corporate Board updated Members on progress on reorganising the Service against the background of budget constraints through the Building Upon Success programme.

Following group discussions and a plenary session, the Chair summed up and indicated that all members would be supplied with an information pack to assist them in lobbying for an improved financial settlement for the Authority.

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(Meeting ended at 12.30 pm)

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