

## **WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

**27 JUNE 2022**

### **1. DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER 'MATTERS OF URGENCY'**

Report of the Chief Fire Officer.

RECOMMENDED

- 1.1 THAT Members note the decisions taken and approved under 'Matters of Urgency'.

The decisions were:

1. Planned Procurement Exercise for 2022-2023
2. Authorities National Arrangements for the provision of external audit services.

### **2. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 2.1 This report is submitted to confirm retrospectively the two decisions taken and approved under 'Matters of Urgency'.

### **3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The Constitution of WMFRA makes provision for required decisions that cannot be postponed being considered under Standing Order 17.1 'Arrangements to Act in Matters of Urgency'. This order provides the CFO with the delegation to make urgent decisions in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair.

### **4. PLANNED PROCUREMENT EXERCISE FOR 2022-2023**

- 4.1 The report sought the approval to proceed with a tender exercise for the provision of Liquid Fuel as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, to West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority during 2022/23.

4.2 This report was submitted as a matter of urgency to meet the Authority's requirement to provide the rationale for a planned tender exercise and includes the proposed route to market and funding provision as per Procurement Policy 1/8.

4.3 It was RECOMMENDED:

4.3.1 THAT the Chief Fire Officer give approval to proceed with a tender exercise for the provision of Liquid Fuel as detailed in Appendix 1 to West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority during 2022/23.

4.4 The decision was made in accordance with Standing Orders by the Chief Fire Officer in consultation with the Chair, Vice Chair, Opposition Leader and Clerk to WMFRA.

5. **AUTHORITY'S NATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PROVISION OF EXTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES**

5.1 The report sought to respond to the Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) to opt-in to their national scheme for the appointment of external audits.

5.2 It was RECOMMENDED:

5.2.1 THAT the Chief Fire Officer respond to Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) that West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority 'opt-in' to their national scheme for the appointment of external audits.

5.2.2 THAT the Chief Fire Officer makes this decision in consultation with the Chair, Vice Chair, Clerk and Monitoring Officer.

5.2.3 THAT the resolution is reported to the next ordinary meeting of the Fire Authority.

5.3 The decision was made in accordance with Standing Orders by the Chief Fire Officer in consultation with the Chair, Vice Chair, Opposition Leader and Clerk to WMFRA. The decision was reported to the WMFRA Policy Planning Forum of 28 February 2022. It was resolved that the resolution be reported to the next ordinary meeting of the Fire Authority.

6. **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

6.1 In preparing this report, a full Equality Impact Assessment has not been undertaken.

7. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

8. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 There are no direct implications arising from this report.

9. **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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