

## Minutes of the Governance and Transformation Committee

**12 November 2018 at 11:30 a.m.**

**at Fire Service Headquarters, Vauxhall Road, Birmingham B7 4HW**

**Present:** Councillor Aston (Chair).  
Councillors Barrie, Brackenridge, Edwards, Miks and Young  
(Vice Chair).

**Apologies:** Councillors Hogarth and Walsh.  
Professor Brake.

**Observer:** Jodie Townsend, Governance Consultant, West Midlands  
Combined Authority (WMCA).

### **3/18 Declarations of Interest in contracts or other matters**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **4/18 Developing the Role of the Mayoral Fire Committee (MFC)**

Karen Gowreesunker, Clerk to the Authority and Strategic Enabler of the Strategic Hub, provided an overview of the report:

The report was submitted to the Committee to prepare Members for a workshop environment wherein Members would receive a broad overview of the implementation plan to support contextual understanding. This understanding would provide a platform from which Members would continue to consider the development of the proposed role of the MFC.

Members noted the proposed approach to developing proposals for the role and scope of the MFC within the Mayoral WMCA.

### **5/18 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 consultations or negotiations, or contemplated

consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the Authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or officer holders under, the Authority.

#### 6/18 **Committee Workshop**

In accordance with minute 4/18 and as detailed within the report 'Developing the Role of the Mayoral Fire Committee (MFC)', the Committee convened in a workshop environment and:

- Received a broad overview of the implementation plan to support contextual understanding
- Reviewed the key themes from the Governance and Transformation Committee meeting held on 8 October 2018
- Noted the areas which were out of scope of the Committee
- Reviewed areas where there was clarity on what the Committee could and could not do
- Considered the analysis of the governance requirements through committee structures in order to discuss the gaps and proposed way forward, having regard to the locally agreed governance principles, the principles which underpin them and the proposed remit of the MFC.

It was resolved that as a result of the outcomes of the workshop, the options identified would be developed further and submitted to the next meeting of the Committee (10 December 2018) for consideration and approval.

The meeting finished at 13:33pm.

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