

**WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

**23<sup>rd</sup> June 2008**

**1. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON OTHER BODIES**

Report of the Clerk

**RECOMMENDED** that the Authority nominates representatives to serve on the bodies referred to in this report.

**2. PURPOSE**

The purpose of the report is to request the Authority to appoint representatives to serve on other bodies during 2008/2009.

**3. REPORT DETAILS**

- 3.1. The Authority is requested to appoint representatives to serve on other bodies. The following is a list of organisations to which appointments were made in 2007/2008 together with details of the members appointed for that year. An asterisk against the title of the body indicates that proportionality applies.

- **West Midlands Regional Management Board\***  
(3 representatives)

Chair of the Authority  
Councillor Hinton  
Councillor Eustace

The Authority is requested this year to appoint three substitute members.

- **Local Government Association General Assembly**  
(4 representatives)

Chair of the Authority  
Vice Chair of the Authority  
Councillor Hinton  
Councillor Eustace (*or their nominees*)

The Association encourages Authorities entitled to three or four representatives on the General Assembly to allocate one of those positions to Minority Group Leaders on their Authorities.

In 2007/2008, the Chair (Councillor Howard) (or his nominee) was authorised to exercise the Authority's corporate vote at the General Assembly.

The Authority has five votes overall and these are allocated amongst members according to proportionality. In 2008/09 votes are allocated as follows:

Conservative 3, Labour 1, Liberal Democrat 1

- **Local Government Association - Fire Service Forum**  
(3 representatives)

Chair of the Authority (Councillor Howard)  
Councillor Hinton  
Councillor Eustace  
(*or their nominees*).

- **Local Government Association Urban Commission**  
(2 representatives)

Councillor S Davis  
Chief Fire Officer  
(*or their nominees*)

(Note: only elected members may vote at meetings. Authorities may appoint two elected members or one member and one officer.)

- **West Midlands Local Government Association**

**Association - Observer Member**

Chair of the Authority (Substitute – Councillor Ward).

**Provincial Council**

Councillor Gazey (substitute tba)\*\*\*

- **Black Country Consortium**  
(1 observer member)

It is recommended that the appointed Member should be from one of the four Black Country boroughs.

Councillor Turner (or his nominee)

- **West Midlands Fire and Rescue Services Regional Control Centre Limited – Nominated Director**

Councillor Howard

- **West Midlands Road Safety Partnership**

Councillor Ward

#### 4. **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

In preparing this report an initial Equality Impact Assessment is not required and has not been carried out.

#### 5. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 provides that the principles of proportionality apply where the Authority makes more than three appointments to bodies specified in the Act. An indication has been given above where proportionality applies.

#### 6. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Provision has been made in the Authority's budget to meet any costs involved relating to Members' allowances.

**SUSAN PHELPS**  
**CLERK**