

Minutes of the Executive Committee

1st December 2008, at 10.25 am
at Fire Service Headquarters, Vauxhall Road, Birmingham

Present: Councillor Howard (Chairman);
Councillor Ward (Vice-Chairman);
Councillors S Davis, Eustace, Hinton, Idrees, Ryder and
Stevenson.

Observers: Councillors Chambers, Clinton, Gazey, Jones, O'Neill,
Robinson, Singh, Spence, Tagger and Turner.

53/08 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 Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including any individual and the authority holding that information).

54/08 Post of Chief Fire Officer

The Committee considered a report on the post of the Chief Fire Officer. The Clerk informed the Committee of the proposed process for the appointment of a successor, following the resignation of the former Chief Fire Officer, and a draft timetable for the appointment; and outlined the interim management arrangements.

Resolved:-

- (1) that the arrangements being made for the recruitment of a Chief Fire Officer be endorsed;
- (2) that the job description, personal specification and terms of employment in respect of the post of Chief Fire Officer, as now submitted, be approved;

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- (3) that the use of Executive Search specialists to aid the recruitment of the Chief Fire Officer be approved;
- (4) that the composition of the Appointments Committee be reviewed to ensure that all constituent District Councils are represented thereon and that a further report be submitted in due course;
- (5) that, with effect from 18th November, 2008, Deputy Fire Chief Officer V Randeniya be appointed as Acting Chief Fire Officer until such time as a new appointment is made by the Authority on the same terms and conditions of service as the outgoing postholder;
- (6) that appointments be made to the resultant vacancies on the Corporate Board in accordance with West Midlands Fire Service recruitment protocols;
- (7) that the action taken by the Head of Human Resources, in accordance with Standing Order 17, in accepting the former Chief Fire Officer's resignation, be endorsed;
- (8) that the payment of a pension to the former Chief Fire Officer in accordance with the Firemen's Pension Scheme Order 1992 (as amended), be approved.

(Meeting ended at 10.40 pm)

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