

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

7 OCTOBER 2019

1. COLLABORATION AND TRANSFORMATION COMMITTEE – TERMS OF REFERENCE

Report of the Clerk.

RECOMMENDED

1.1 THAT Members approve changes to the terms of reference for the committee.

1.2 THAT members submit these changes for approval at Fire Authority.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To support members in the consideration and determination of the more detailed role of the committee.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority (WMFRA) collaborates with a wide range of partners locally, regionally and nationally. This approach ensures the delivery of effective and efficient services to members of the community.

3.2 The Authority's commitment to collaboration is a commitment which is set out in our 3 year rolling Strategy, Our Plan, and has always been an accepted way of working for the Fire Service in delivering joint community outcomes.

3.3 The Collaboration and Transformation Committee was approved at the Annual General Meeting of the Authority in June 2019, to ensure the appropriate consideration and oversight of new and developing areas of strategic collaborations.

- 3.4 Its terms of reference set out the role of the committee in ‘the strategic development and assurance of transformational collaborative working agreements (up to implementation) aligned to the ‘Duty to Collaborate’ (Policing and Crime Act 2017) and/or the delivery of the Authority’s Strategy.’
- 3.5 The Authority’s review of future governance and the outcomes of the Future Governance Working Group clearly highlighted the benefits of wider collaboration in services delivered for local communities. Members may want to consider the following points in the review and enhancement of the current terms of reference:
- The role of the committee in championing digital transformation across the Service as a core consideration for collaboration;
 - The role of the committee in enabling the Service to improve and evolve new and existing areas of collaboration through providing clear strategic direction, aligned to the Authority’s strategy, Our Plan.
 - Member involvement in supporting collaborative relationships through links within respective local authorities.

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**

The detail in this report provides a high-level overview of how the Authority and Service are meeting the requirements of the Duty to Collaborate.

6. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct financial implications.

7. **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no environmental implications.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Governance of the Authority Report, AGM 24 June 2019

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