

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

22nd June 2009

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 2009/2010.

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 2008/2009 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)

Chairman of the Authority
Councillor Hinton
Councillor Eustace

The Authority is allowed to send substitute members if the appointed member is unable to attend.

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

Chairman of the Authority
Vice Chairman 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 2008/2009, the Chairman (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 were allocated as follows:

Conservative 3, Labour 1, Liberal Democrat 1

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

Chairman of the Authority
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

Chairman 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.

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CLERK