

West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority

Appointments, Standards and Appeals Committee

You are summoned to attend the meeting of Appointments, Standards and Appeals Committee to be held on Monday, 12 July 2021 at 14:00

to be held at Fire Service Headquarters, 99 Vauxhall Road, Nechells,

Birmingham B7 4HW

and digitally via Microsoft Teams

for the purpose of transacting the following business:

Agenda – Public Session

- 1 To receive apologies for absence (if any)
- 2 Declarations of interests
- 3 Minutes of the Appointments Standards & Appeals Committee held 17 September 2018 **5 - 6**
- 4 Exclusion of the public and press
Chair to move:- *"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 for the reasons stated below."*

Agenda – Private Session

- 5 Submission of Internal Dispute Resolution Procedure for Firefighters Pension Scheme
 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information);

Distribution:

Nicolas Barlow - Member, Greg Brackenridge - Member, Peter Hogarth - Member, Zafar Iqbal - Member, Charn Padda - Member, Seamus Walsh - Chair, Patricia Young - Member

This meeting of the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority will be held at Fire Service Headquarters. However, please note that although the meeting will be open to the public, there will be limited capacity due to ongoing social distancing measures.

The meeting will also be held digitally via Microsoft Teams allowing observers to access remotely. To access the meeting, please contact a member of the Strategic Hub, West Midlands Fire Service, who will be able to provide login details (please note that Microsoft Teams is not required to join a meeting) or provide guidance if you wish to attend in person at HQ.

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**Minutes of the Appointments,
Standards & Appeals Committee**

Item 3

17 September 2018
at Fire Service Headquarters, Birmingham>

Present: Councillor Dehar (Vice-Chair)
Councillors Aston, Craddock, Hogarth and Tranter (substitute for
Cllr Edwards)

Apologies: Councillors Edwards, Spence and Walsh (Chair)

1/18 **Minutes of the Appeals Committee held on 23 November 2015**

Resolved that the minutes of the Appeals Committee held on 15
May 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.

2/18 **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 individual.

3/19 **Submission of Internal Disputes Resolution Procedure (IDRP) for
The Firefighters' Pension Scheme**

In accordance with the Authority's procedures, the Committee
considered an appeal, made under stage two of the IDRP of the
Firefighters' Pension Scheme.

The Strategic Enabler (Finance and Resources) and the Payroll and
Pensions Manager attended the meeting to outline the background to
the appeal regarding a pension matter and the dispute related to the
provision of information to the complainant as required under the
Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (Disclosure of
Information) Regulations 2013.

Having considered the evidence submitted by both parties, the
Committee decided to not uphold the appeal because it was felt that at
the time the member chose to opt into the scheme, enough information
was available to the member to meet the requirements of the
Disclosure regulations.

At stage one the member's complaint had been rejected. Following an
appeal by the member to this decision, compensation had been offered
for the inconvenience that the matter may have caused. The

Committee noted for the record that in addition to the stage two appeal not being upheld, that the offer of compensation was to also be withdrawn.

Resolved that the appeal is not upheld and that the decision of the stage one decision be confirmed.

(The meeting ended at 13.40 pm)

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