West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority to be held at 11.00 a.m. on Monday, 5th December, 2005 at the Fire Service Headquarters, Lancaster Circus Queensway, Birmingham for the purpose of transacting the following business:-

Agenda - Public Session

(Reports attached unless otherwise stated)

- 1. To receive apologies for absence (if any).
- 2. Declaration by members of any interests in contracts or other matters.
- 3. Chair's Announcements.
- 4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 26th September, 2005 as a correct record.
- 5. Annual External Audit Letter 2004/05.
- 6. Home Fire Safety Checks Home Approach Policy.
- 7. Monitoring of Finances April 2005 to October 2005.
- 8. Letter to the Authority from UNISON.
- 9. Action on a Matter of Urgency:
 - a] Regional Fire Control;
 - b] Disposal of Beds and Bedding.
- 10. Institution of Legal Proceedings.
- 11. Minutes of the meeting of the West Midlands Regional Management Board held on 28th October, 2005.
- 12. Minutes of the Executive Committee dated 24th October and 7th and14th November, 2005.
- 13. Notes of the Policy Planning Forum dated 24th October and 14th November, 2005.

14. Exclusion of the Public and Press:

Chair to move:-

"That the public and press be excluded from the rest of the meeting. This is to avoid the possible disclosure of exempt information under Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 for the reasons stated on the agenda."

15. Agreement to resolve the trade dispute regarding the consequential issues arising from the Technical Advisory Panel over the introduction of a new duty system [to follow] (Exempt information relates to negotiations or consultation on labour relations matters and disclosure would be likely to prejudice those negotiations.)

Dated 25th November 2005

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