

FUTURE OF THE WEST MIDLANDS REGIONAL MANAGEMENT BOARD

<u>OPTION</u>	<u>PROS</u>	<u>CONS</u>
1. Status Quo	1. RMB remains in existence and can meet as often as it needs. 2. Formal mechanism in place for any joint formal decisions	1. Cost of administration including the production of Annual Accounts; Annual Efficiency Statement and the employment of External Auditors. 2. No formal mechanism for joint meetings between Fire and Rescue Authorities. 3. Difficulty in finding business for formal meetings 4. Programme Plan would need to be maintained. 5. Website would need to be maintained
2. Dissolution	1. Encourages more joint working between Authorities both within and outside the West Midlands Region. 2. Fire Control interests are represented by FRA Members on the LACC . 3. Freedom to match the ethos of the National Framework to local	1. Lack of formal mechanism in the West Midlands Region

	<p>conditions.</p> <p>4. Individual projects could be led by a named Chief Fire Officer reporting to colleagues and their regular meetings.</p> <p>5. CFOs would brief Chairman on Regional Matters as part of their regular briefing protocol.</p> <p>6. Members meet in other fora</p>	
<p>3. Increase activity</p>	<p>1. Formal mechanism retained</p> <p>2. Further workstreams identified for joint working.</p> <p>3. Dedicated staff to carry out projects and administer the Board</p>	<p>1. Might result in meetings for meetings sake.</p> <p>2. Cost of increased regional activity would have to be funded by FRAs already facing budget reductions.</p>