

<p>Notes of the Policy Planning Forum</p>
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11th September, 2006 at 10.00 a.m.
at the Fire Service Headquarters, Birmingham

Present: **Members of the Authority**

Councillors Birbeck, Coughlan, S Davis,
Douglas-Maul, Foster, Gazey, Hinton, Howard,
Hussain, Idrees, Jackson, Jones, Mulhall, Pitt,
Rogers, Ross, Ryder, Singh, Spence,
Stevenson, Tagger and Ward.
Mr Topliss.

Officers: **West Midlands Fire Service**

Chief Fire Officer – F Sheehan;
Assistant Chief Officers – A Brandon, J Brown,
R Hulland M Clark and D Twedde;
M Griffiths.

Clerk to the Authority

M Broxton, S Phelps, N Sharma, J Walker and
G Wythes.

Treasurer to the Authority

L Bateman

Apologies: Councillors Bowen, Davies and Eustace.

17/06 **Silent Tribute**

The Committee stood in silent tribute to the memory of the 343 firefighters and many other people who died on 11th September, 2001 in New York when the Twin Towers building collapsed following a terrorist attack.

18/06 **Structure of the Brigade**

The Chief Fire Officer outlined proposals for a revised Corporate Board structure that were to be considered at the Authority meeting to be

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held on 25th September, 2006.

19/06 Implementation of Shift Review

Members were updated on progress with the implementation of revised duty systems and shift patterns that were due to take effect on 15th September, 2006. A project team had been established to oversee the implementation of the new arrangements, and a new software package to assist with rostering was currently being tested. The workforce had been kept informed of progress with the arrangements. Further progress reports would be brought to Members in due course.

(Meeting ended at 11.55 a.m.)

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