

<p><b>Minutes of the Executive Committee</b></p>
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**12<sup>th</sup> June 2006 at 12.00 noon**  
**at the Fire Service Headquarters, Birmingham**

**Present:** Councillor Hinton (Chair);  
Councillor Hogarth (Vice-Chair);  
Councillors Bowen, Eustace, Howard, Idrees and Rogers.

**Observers:** Councillors Davis, Douglas-Maul, Gazey, Hussain, Ryder,  
Singh, Spence and Tagger.  
Mr Topliss.

29/06 **Best Value Performance and Business Plan**

The Committee was asked to approve the Authority's Best Value Performance and Business Plan for 2006/2007.

At the meeting of the Authority on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2006 approval had been given to revise the wording of the Corporate Aims, the top seven Business Plan objectives, the Department Objectives and the Ten Year Scan.

**Resolved** that the Best Value Performance and Business Plan for 2005/06 be approved.

30/06 **Departmental and Borough Action Plans for 2006/2007**

The Committee noted the departmental and borough action plan objectives for 2006/2007. The objectives were key to delivering the Authority's Business Plan objectives and Comprehensive Performance Plan (CPA) Service Improvement Plan objectives.

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31/06    **Minutes of the West Midlands Regional Management Board held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2006**

The Committee noted the minutes of the meeting of the West Midlands Regional Management Board held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2006.

32/06    **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 Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 relating to consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the Authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under the Authority

33/06    **Governance Arrangements for Regional Fire Controls – Consultation Response to the Department for Communities and Local Government**

The Committee was asked to consider and approve the Authority's response to the consultation exercise carried out by the Department for Communities and Local Government on the proposed governance arrangements for Regional Fire Control Centres (RFCC).

The consultation document set out detailed proposals for Local Authority Control Companies (LACC) to be established to run the RFCCs. The Committee noted the overview and implications of the key criteria relating to the articles and memorandum of association and the structure and responsibilities of the LACCs, including liabilities and penalties. It was also noted that the LACC for the West Midlands Region was required to be established by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007.

The initial costs of setting up the LACCs would be met directly by the Government and these costs included provision for legal work that may be required on the memorandum and articles of association. The business case and associated costs for each constituent Fire and Rescue Authority (FRA) were yet to be announced by the Government therefore it was not possible to determine the full financial implications for the Authority. It was noted however that the contribution from West Midlands was likely to be the highest.

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Further reports would be submitted in due course.

**Resolved** that approval be given to the Authority's response to the Government's consultation exercise on the proposed governance arrangements for the Regional Fire Control Centres, as now submitted.

(Meeting ended at 12.25 pm)

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