

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

28th June 2010

1. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE
2009/10

Report of the Chairman of the Standards Committee.

RECOMMENDED

- 1.1 That the Authority receives the Standards Committee's Annual Report for 2009/10.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report is submitted to bring to the attention of the Authority the Annual Report of the Standards Committee for 2009/2010.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Every relevant local authority is required under Section 53 of the Local Government Act, 2000 to establish a Standards Committee. The Committee submits its minutes to the Authority on a regular basis, but it is considered to be good practice by the Standards Board for England [SBE] for Standards Committees also to produce an Annual Report for the benefit of the Authority, its staff and the wider public.
- 3.3 The production of an Annual Report for 2009/10 was agreed by the Committee at its meeting on 17th May, 2010 and the report has been circulated for comments by all members of the Standards Committee.
- 3.4 The Annual Report is attached as an Appendix for consideration by the Authority.

4. **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

In preparing this report an initial Equality Impact Assessment is not required and has not been carried out because the matters contained in this report do not relate to a policy change.

5. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Local Authorities are required, under Section 53 of the Local Government Act 2000, to establish a Standards Committee for the purpose of carrying out the functions conferred on it under the Act. There is currently no legal obligation on the Standards Committee to produce an Annual Report although this is considered good practice.

6. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Any resource implications from matters referred to in the Annual Report will have been considered at the time of the original report on the matter.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Minutes of the Standards Committee from the 2009/2010 municipal year.

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Chairman of the Standards Committee 2009/10