

# **WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

**17 SEPTEMBER 2018**

## **1. THE CONSTITUTION**

Joint Report of the Clerk to the Authority and Monitoring Officer.

RECOMMENDED

THAT the Authority note the contents of the revised Constitution 2018. The Constitution will be available electronically on CMIS.

## **2. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report is submitted to provide an updated Constitution 2018 following the reform of the Fire Authority through the creation of 'The Fire and Rescue Authority (Membership) Order 2017' and the subsequent amendments to the structure and membership of all Committees together with their Terms of Reference.

## **3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 At the Annual Meeting of the Fire Authority held on Monday 25 June 2018, the Authority approved a Governance of the Authority that set out the structure and membership of all Committees together with their Terms of Reference.

The Constitution has been reviewed and updated to include the new structure and membership and Terms of Reference.

The Constitution has been thoroughly reviewed and updated with the current Articles and Standing Orders.

The Terms of Reference for the Joint Consultative Panel were amended slightly in the reduction of Employer Representatives from 6 to 5, however the Terms of Reference have not been

updated as the Employee Relations Framework is still being discussed. As soon as the Employee Relations Framework is completed, the Constitution will be updated.

4. **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

In preparing this report an initial Equality Impact Assessment is not required and has not been carried out.

5. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Section 37 of the Local Government Act 2000 requires all local authorities exercising executive arrangements to have a constitution outlining the way in which it will carry out its affairs. The Act does not apply to fire and rescue authorities and there are therefore no executive arrangements in place at West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority. However, this Constitution has been produced in recognition that it is considered good governance.

6. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications as a result of the amendments to this report.

7. **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Constitution will not be printed and circulated to Members of the Authority following the decision of the Authority in 2015 for the Authority to work electronically, but will be available on the Authority's website in Public Documents. A paper copy will be available to view in the Strategic Hub at Fire Service Headquarters.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Governance of the Authority Report  
Fire Authority AGM – 25 June 2018

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