

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

5TH DECEMBER 2005

1. **ACTION ON A MATTER OF URGENCY – DISPOSAL OF BEDS AND BEDDING**

Report of the Clerk

RECOMMENDED

THAT the report be noted.

2. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To report on action taken on a matter of urgency, following consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair.

3. **BACKGROUND**

3.1 **Disposal of beds and bedding from Fire Stations**

The new crewing arrangements came into operation on 9th September, 2005.

The Chief Fire Officer, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair, has approved arrangements for the disposal of redundant beds and bedding to the Lions Children's Hospital, Sylhet, Bangladesh.

4. **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

The provision of aid to other countries demonstrates the Fire Authority's commitment to helping people in need, regardless of race, colour or national origin.

5. **CORPORATE AIM SUPPORTED**

The principal corporate aims supported by the information in this report are as follows:

4. Working in partnership with communities, agencies and the Government.
7. Operating within a culture of equality and diversity.
8. Contributing to the well being of the environment.

6. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The course of action recommended in this report does not raise issues which should be drawn to the attention of the Authority's Monitoring Officer.

7. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The cost to the Authority of this course of action is £1,500 plus VAT for the hire of vehicles to move the items from fire stations to a central storage facility. The cost will be met from the Technical Services budget.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Report to Chair and Vice Chair dated 19th September 2005.

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CLERK