



GROUP MEETINGS NOTIFIED

In the Council House, Birmingham: -

Labour	1200 hours	Room 133, COUNCIL HOUSE
Conservative	1200 hours	Room 135, COUNCIL HOUSE

MEETING OF THE WEST MIDLANDS JOINT COMMITTEE

TO BE HELD IN DICKENS ROOM, BIRMINGHAM & MIDLAND INSTITUTE, MARGARET STREET, BIRMINGHAM ON FRIDAY 30 JUNE 2017 AT 1230 HOURS

A G E N D A

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**
For the period ending with the Annual Meeting in 2018
2. **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**
For the period ending with the Annual Meeting in 2018
3. **APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY**
To appoint a Secretary to the Committee for a three year term of Office expiring with the Annual meeting in 2020.
4. **APOLOGIES**
5. **MINUTES**
To confirm the "Public" section of the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 January 2017.
6. **GOVERNANCE REPORTS OF SECRETARY/LEAD MET.CHIEF EXECUTIVES**
 - A. **Nomination of Members to serve on West Midlands Joint Committee 2017/2018** – Report of Secretary WMJC/Chief Executive, Birmingham CC

Attached

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- B. **West Midlands Police & Crime Panel Membership/Nominations** -
Report of Chief Executive, Dudley MBC/Lead CEX, WM Police & Crime Panel.
- C. **Birmingham Airport Holdings Ltd: Board of Directors – District Nominations** – Report of Secretary WMJC/Airport Advisors
- D. **WMJC Nominations and Subscriptions to Other Bodies 2017/18** –
Report of Secretary WMJC/ Chief Executive, Birmingham CC - SASIG, West Midlands Arts Trust

Attached

- 7. **WEST MIDLANDS JOINT COMMITTEE 2016/17 OUTTURN AND ANNUAL RETURN**
Report of Secretary WMJC/ Chief Executive, Birmingham CC.
- 8. ~~WMCA~~ **COMBINED AUTHORITY UPDATE**
Verbal update from WMCA Chief Executive.

Attached

- 9. **MATTERS OF INTEREST**
 - A. **West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority**

To receive and note an update report from the Chair of the WM Fire & Rescue Authority.
 - B. **PVVP/CSE Update**

To receive and note an update report from Shelley Ward, PVVP Regional Programme Manager.
 - C. **Birmingham Airport – action taken between meetings**

Reports of District Advisers
- 10. **SUGGESTED DATES FOR MEETINGS IN 2018**
Friday 12 January 2018 and Friday 22 June 2018 at 1300 – 1400 hours
- 11. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

CHAIRMAN TO MOVE:-

"That in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, which includes the following exempt information, the public be now excluded from the meeting: -

Title of Report etc

Description of Exempt Information

(Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972)

1. **MINUTES**

"Private" Minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2017. Paragraph 3

2. **BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT – ACTION
TAKEN BETWEEN MEETINGS**

Paragraph 3

Reports of District Advisers

3. **BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT
MASTERPLAN**

Paragraph 3

Presentation by Michael Hodgkinson
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**MINUTES OF THE WEST MIDLANDS JOINT
COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL HOUSE,
BIRMINGHAM ON FRIDAY, 20 JANUARY 2017**

PRESENT:-

Birmingham

Councillor I Ward
Councillor R Alden

Coventry

Councillor G Duggins (Voting Member)
Councillor A Khan
Councillor John Blundell

Dudley

Councillor P Lowe (Voting Member)

Sandwell

Councillor S Khatun

Solihull

Councillor R Sleigh (Voting Member)
Councillor I Courts

Walsall

Councillor S Coughlan (Voting Member)
Councillor M Bird

Wolverhampton

Councillor R Lawrence (Voting Member)
Councillor W Thompson

1. APOLOGIES

2073 Apologies were submitted on behalf of the following: -

Councillor J Clancy – Birmingham
Councillor J Foster – Dudley
Councillor S Eling – Sandwell
Councillor J Windmill - Solihull
Councillor P Bilson – Wolverhampton
Councillor J Edwards – Chair West Midlands Fire & Rescue Authority

2. MINUTES

2074 The "public" section of the Minutes of the meeting held on 29th June 2016, having been previously circulated, were confirmed as a correct record.

3. COORDINATED SERVICES AND SHARED FACILITIES BUDGET 2016/17

A report of the Secretary/Chief Executive, Birmingham CC was submitted:-

2075 **RESOLVED:-**

- (i) That the West Midlands Joint Committee's 2017/18 Budget and consequential member Authority contributions, as set out in Section 3 and in Appendices A and B of the report be approved.
 - (ii) That the required member Authority contributions for the Joint Data Team (JDT) contract for 2017/18, set out in Section 4 and Appendix C of the report be noted.
 - (iii) That the required member Authority contributions for the costs of pensions of former County Council employees, as set out in Section 5 and Appendix D of the report are noted.
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4. WEST MIDLANDS JOINT COMMITTEE ANNUAL RISK ASSESSMENT

A report of the Secretary/Chief Executive, Birmingham CC was submitted:-

2076 **RESOLVED:-**

That the content of the Annual Risk Assessment statement and actions taken to mitigate risks as outlined at appendix 1 of the report be approved.

5. COMBINED AUTHORITY

A verbal update from the Chief Executive, Coventry CC was received.

An outline of current priorities and upcoming work areas provided along with details of discussion at a recent meeting between WMCA, Midlands Engine and National Infrastructure Commission.

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RESOLVED:-

That the update be noted.

6. BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT HOLDINGS LTD

A report of Birmingham CC and Dudley MBC District Advisers was submitted:-

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RESOLVED:-

That the action taken under the Districts' Side Agreement as set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the report be noted.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting notified as Friday 30th June 2017.

WEST MIDLANDS JOINT COMMITTEE – 30 JUNE 2017

Report of Secretary**NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON
WEST MIDLANDS JOINT COMMITTEE 2017/2018**

For the information of the Committee, I set out below the nominations which have been received from the West Midlands District Councils for service on the West Midlands Joint Committee for 2017/2018.

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

Councillor	J Clancy	(L) (Voting)
"	I Ward	(L)
"	R Alden	(C)

SOLIHULL MBC

Councillor	R Sleigh	(C) (Voting)
"	I Courts	(C)
	Vacant	

COVENTRY CITY COUNCIL

Councillor	G Duggins	(L) (Voting)
	A Salam Khan	(L)
	G Ridley	(C)

WALSALL MBC

Councillor	S Coughlan	(L) (Voting)
"	M Bird	(C)
	A Andrew	(C)

DUDLEY MBC

Councillor	P Harley	(C) (Voting)
"	D Vickers	(C)
"	P Lowe	(L)

WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

Councillor	R C Lawrence	(L) (Voting)
"	P Bilson	(L)
"	W Thompson	(C)

SANDWELL MBC

Councillor	S Eling	(L) (Voting)
	S Khatun	(L)

KEY:-

C = Conservative
L = Labour
LD = Liberal Democrat

RECOMMENDATION

That the nomination of Members from District Councils for service on the West Midlands Joint Committee for 2017/2018, as set out above be received and noted.

STELLA MANZIE
SECRETARY

Background documents: Correspondence with District Councils

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**REPORT TO WEST MIDLANDS JOINT COMMITTEE
30 JUNE 2017**

West Midlands Police and Crime Panel Membership 2017/18

Introduction

1. The West Midlands Joint Committee is asked to confirm the elected Member appointments to the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel for 2017/18 as set out below.

Background and Update on Work of the Panel in 2016-17

2. Established in November 2012 as part of the new governance arrangements for policing, the Panel scrutinises and supports the actions and decisions of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC).
3. The Panel has the status of a joint committee of the seven West Midlands district councils, consisting of 12 elected members and 2 independent members. The Chief Executive of Dudley MBC acts as Lead Officer to the Panel on behalf of the authorities. Birmingham City Council is the host authority providing administrative and scrutiny support as well as managing the Panel's complaints policy.
4. During 2016/17 the Panel was chaired by Councillor Sean Coughlan (Walsall) and met six times.
5. This year meetings have provided Members with the opportunity to question the PCC on a number of community safety and policing issues including knife crime, traffic speeding, off road motorbikes, unauthorised encampments, restorative justice and diversity in the police force. Members have also examined the PCC's oversight role in police complaints and his medium term financial plan.
6. The Panel also undertook a number of statutory tasks:
 - In September 2016, the Panel reviewed the PCC's annual report and published its report;
 - In September 2016, the Panel reviewed the PCC's Police and Crime Plan and published its report; and
 - In February 2017, the Panel reviewed the policing budget and proposed precept and published its report and recommendations.
7. Throughout the year the Panel has also dealt with complaints submitted about the conduct of the PCC and signposted a number of cases that fell beyond the Panel's remit onto the appropriate body.
8. Continuing with its scrutiny role, the Panel has reviewed progress towards achieving the recommendations it made in its Female Genital Mutilation report (published in 2016). The Panel also conducted a short scrutiny inquiry into the PCC's role in partnership working across the criminal justice system, using the case study of youth justice. The Panel invited evidence from number of partners. A report with recommendations made to the PCC and the Midlands Youth Justice Board was published in June 2017.

Elected Member Appointments 2017/18

9. The Panel consists of twelve elected members (each with a named substitute) appointed on an annual basis by the Authorities as follows:

- (a) **One Member appointed by each of the following Councils**, subject to that appointee being the Elected Mayor in the case of those Councils operating such a system of governance:

Birmingham City Council
 Coventry City Council
 Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council
 Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council
 Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council
 Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council
 Wolverhampton City Council

- (b) **Two further Members to be nominated by Birmingham CC** and appointed by the West Midlands Joint Committee.
- (c) **Two further Members to be jointly nominated by Dudley MBC, Sandwell MBC, Walsall MBC and Wolverhampton CC** (via the Association of Black Country Authorities) and appointed by the West Midlands Joint Committee.
- (d) **One further Member to be jointly nominated by Coventry CC or Solihull MBC** and appointed by the West Midlands Joint Committee. Solihull is to nominate for 2017/18.

10. Appointments must be made with a view to ensuring the balanced appointment objective as required under Schedule 6, Section 31 of the Police and Social Responsibility Act 2011 in that it represents all parts of the police area and the political make-up of the local authorities (when taken together).

11. Taking into account the political composition of the seven district councils in May 2017 the following political balance will apply to the Panel:

Numbers	councillors	% of total in groups x 12 seats	Total seats
Conservative	140	3.46	4
Green	10	0.25	0
Labour	304	7.51	8
Liberal Democrat	18	0.44	0
UKIP	14	0.35	0
Total in groups	486	-	
Other – not in political group	4 -		0
Total number in region	490	-	

Labour	8
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Conservative	4
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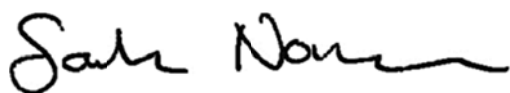
12. Each district council is responsible for making its own individual appointment each with a named substitute. Appointments to the remaining 5 elected member places (and named substitutes) will be considered by the Joint Committee in line with the tables shown below.

	Local Authority individual appointments (7)	Places for confirmation at this meeting of the West Midlands Joint Committee (5)	Total (12)
Labour (8)	<u>6 places</u> Birmingham (1) Coventry (1) Dudley (1) Sandwell (1) Walsall (1) Wolverhampton (1)	<u>2 places</u> Birmingham (1) Black Country Councils (1) (Nominated via the Association of Black Country Authorities)	8
Conservative (4)	<u>1 place</u> Solihull MBC (1)	<u>3 places</u> Birmingham (1) Solihull (1) (This place is nominated on an annual rotation basis with Coventry) Black Country Councils (1) (Nominated via the Association of Black Country Authorities)	4
Total	7	5	12

13. Nominations for the appointments received to date for confirmation at this meeting of the West Midlands Joint Committee are set out in Appendix 1. An update will be circulated at the meeting.

Recommendations

- (a) That the panel appointment principles for achieving the balanced appointment objectives set out in paragraphs 9 - 13 above be considered; and
- (b) That the Joint Committee confirm the appointment of the 5 additional members to the Panel (with named substitutes) to achieve the balanced appointment objectives.



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Appendix 1

Local authority appointments (7 places + named substitutes)			
Political Group	District	Member	Named Substitute
Labour	Birmingham	Cllr John O'Shea	Cllr Carole Griffiths
Labour	Coventry	Cllr Abdul Salam Khan	Cllr Pervez Akhtar
Labour Dudl	ey	Cllr Cathryn Bayton	Cllr Melvyn Mottram
Labour	Sandwell	Cllr Preet Gill	Cllr Julie Webb
Conservative Solihull		Cllr Ken Hawkins	Cllr Brian Holmes
Labour	Walsall	Cllr Sean Coughlan	Cllr Claire Clews
Labour	Wolverhampton	Cllr Paul Sweet	Cllr Zee Russell
Appointments to be confirmed by the West Midlands Joint Committee (5 places + named substitutes)			
Political Group	District	Member	Named Substitute
Labour	Birmingham	Cllr Jayne Francis	Cllr Mick Brown
Conservative	Birmingham	Cllr Peter Douglas-Osborn	Cllr David Barrie
Conservative	Solihull	Cllr Diana Holl-Allen MBE	Cllr Andy Mackiewicz
Conservative	Dudley/Walsall (ABCA)	TBC after ABCA 28 June	TBC after ABCA 28 June
Labour	Sandwell/Wolverhampton (ABCA)	TBC after ABCA 28 June	TBC after ABCA 28 June

WEST MIDLANDS JOINT COMMITTEE – 30 JUNE 2017

Report of Secretary

WMJC NOMINATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS TO OTHER BODIES 2017/18

Purpose of Report

1. This report seeks the Joint Committee's confirmation of the elected Member appointments to two bodies outlined below and in one case to agree an annual subscription for the financial year 2017/18 as outlined in paragraph 6 of this report.

Bodies for Appointment/Subscription renewal

Strategic Aviation Special Interest Group of the Local Government Association

Background

2. The Strategic Aviation Special Interest Group of the LGA (SASIG) works for Local Authorities in a strategic manner on national aviation policy so as to reconcile economic, social and environmental issues in a sustainable way.
3. SASIG's objectives are:
 - to promote the need for long-term, sustainable aviation policies that lead to a reduction in the environmental impact of aviation whilst securing appropriate social and economic benefits;
 - to increase understanding of the local and global impacts of aviation on the environment and communities;
 - to identify and promote the changes needed to move towards sustainable aviation practices within the industry and Government; and
 - to work with other organisations and the Government on the formulation of policy advice.
4. The Joint Committee maintains "block" membership of the Special Interest Group entitling the West Midlands to one voting place, together with a further nomination in an observer capacity. Substitutes can be nominated to attend and officers are permitted to act as substitutes.
5. Members are asked to attend three SASIG meetings a year. Meetings are held at 11am, Local Government House, Smith Square, SW1P 3HZ. The next

scheduled meeting is Thursday 6th July 2017 and further meetings are to be confirmed but usually take place in November 2017 and March 2018.

Subscription/Appointments

6. The Special Interest Group subscription for 2017/18 is £5,700.
7. At last year's Annual meeting of this Committee, Councillor H Bills (Lab - Dudley) was appointed as voting member and Councillor R Piper (Lab - Sandwell) was appointed as observer member.

Recommendations

- i) **That approval be given to continued membership of the Strategic Aviation Special Interest Group of the Local Government Association for the current Municipal Year at an annual subscription rate of £5,700.**
- ii) **That Councillor H Bills (Voting member) and Councillor R Piper (Observer member) be appointed to serve on the Strategic Aviation Special Interest Group for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of this Committee in 2018.**

West Midlands Arts Trust

Background

8. The Joint Committee annually appoints two representatives to serve on the Council of West Midlands Arts Trust for a one year term of office. The West Midlands Arts Trust owns the premises at 82 Granville Street, Birmingham which were purchased and refurbished by the former West Midlands County Council, for use by the Arts Council. The West Midlands Arts Trust normally holds a single meeting per year.

Appointments

9. The Committee is requested to appoint two representatives to serve on this body.
10. The 2016/17 appointees were Councillor D Hughes (Lab – Birmingham) and Councillor S Trow (Lab- Sandwell).

Recommendation

- i) That Councillor D Hughes and Councillor S Trow be appointed to serve as the representatives of this Committee on the Arts Council for the period ending with this Committee's Annual Meeting in June 2018.

**STELLA MANZIE
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REPORT TO WEST MIDLANDS JOINT COMMITTEE – 23rd JUNE 2017

Report from Stella Manzie - Secretary to West Midlands Joint Committee, Chief Executive Birmingham City Council, (on behalf of West Midlands District Treasurers' Group)

West Midlands Joint Committee 2016/17 Outturn and Annual Return

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the 2016/17 Outturn for the West Midlands Joint Committee (WMJC).

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Joint Committee is recommended to:
- a) Note the 2016/17 WMJC Outturn as set out in section 3 and Appendix A.
 - b) Approve Appendix B.

3. 2016/17 Outturn

- 3.1 At its meeting on 20th January 2017, the WMJC received a report on the Co-ordinated Services and Shared Facilities Budget 2016/17 which included a forecast of the 2016/17 Outturn for the WMJC budget. Appendix A of this report compares the actual outturn for 2016/17 with the forecast Outturn reported in January.
- 3.2 The forecast Outturn in January, taking into account surplus balances brought forward from 2015/16, was for a net surplus Outturn balance of £40,313 for 2016/17. Appendix A shows that the actual Outturn is a net surplus balance of £56,747 and the variations are mainly due to a lower charge for Finance and Administrative support and a continued reduction in Pension contributions.

4. Annual Return

- 4.1 From 1 April 2015, implementation of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 means that joint committees are no longer required to have their accounts separately prepared and audited. The financial results of joint committees are reported in the accounts of constituent bodies, so there is no requirement for a separate audit appointment to joint committees.

**Stella Manzie
Secretary To West Midlands Joint
Committee, Interim Chief Executive,
Birmingham City Council**

West Midlands Joint Committee 2016/17 Actual Outturn**(compared to Forecast Outturn for 2016/17 reported to the Committee on 20th January 2017)**

		2016/17		
		Forecast Outturn £	Actual Outturn £	Variation £
BALANCES BROUGHT FWD				
	Total	(75,293)	(75,293)	0
EXPENDITURE				
Joint Committee				
	Pensions	50,000	43,024	(6,976)
	Subscriptions	7,150	5,700	(1,450)
	Finance & Administrative Support	56,000	46,362	(9,638)
	Aeronautical Adviser	20,000	22,053	2,053
	Legal Fees	0		0
	Projects	70,000	70,000	0
	FUNDS TO BE ALLOCATED			
	Miscellaneous	2,000	1,575	(425)
	Audit of accounts	0		0
		205,150	188,714	(16,436)
INCOME	Contributions			
		(170,170)	(170,168)	2
(SURPLUS)/SHORTFALL BALANCE CARRIED FWD		(40,313)	(56,747)	(16,434)

West Midlands Joint Committee 2016/17 Actual Outturn**Comparison of 2015/16 and 2016/17 Outturn**

	2015/16 £	2016/17 £	Variation £	Explanation of significant variances
OPENING BALANCES				
Liabilities				
Deficit (Surplus) balances brought forward:				
- Joint Committee	(39,326)	(75,293)	(35,967)	
Sundry creditors	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
	(39,326)	(75,293)	(35,967)	
Assets				
Cash	39,326	75,293	35,967	
EXPENDITURE				
<u>Joint Committee</u>				
Pensions	46,280	43,024	(3,256)	Decreasing year on year
Subscriptions:				
Strategic Aviation Special Interest Group	5,700	5,700	0	
West Coast Rail 250 Campaign	1,450		(1,450)	No charge in 16/17 will receive double in 17/18
Finance and Administrative Support	62,056	46,362	(15,694)	
Aeronautical Adviser	11,100	22,053	10,953	Agreed change in advise provision
Audit & Public Inspection of accounts	2,200	0	(2,200)	
Special Projects		70,000	70,000	
Legal Recharges	0	0	0	
Miscellaneous	2,057	1,575	(482)	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>130,844</u>	<u>188,714</u>	<u>57,870</u>	
INCOME				
Contributions	(170,170)	(170,168)	2	
Other income	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
TOTAL INCOME	<u>(170,170)</u>	<u>(170,168)</u>	<u>2</u>	
(SURPLUS)/SHORTFALL FOR YEAR	<u>(39,326)</u>	<u>18,546</u>	<u>57,872</u>	
CLOSING BALANCES				
Liabilities				
Balances carried forward:	(78,653)	(56,747)	21,906	
Sundry creditors	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
	(78,653)	(56,747)	21,906	
Assets				
Cash	78,653	56,747	(21,906)	
<u>Outturn per Annual Return Format</u>				
(note - the Annual Return shows income as + and expenditure as -)				
1 Balances brought forward	39,326	75,293	35,967	}
2 (+) Income from taxation and/or levy	170,170	170,168	(2)	}
3 (+) Total other receipts	0	0	0	}
4 (-) Staff costs	(62,056)	(46,362)	15,694	}
5 (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	0	}
6 (-) Total other payments	(68,787)	(142,352)	(73,565)	} See explanations above
7 (=) Balances carried forward	78,653	56,747	(21,906)	}
				}
8 Total cash and investments	78,653	56,747	(21,906)	}
9 Total fixed assets and long term assets	0	0	0	}
10 Total borrowings	0	0	0	}

West Midlands Joint Committee Meeting 30th June 2017

West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority

Report by Councillor John Edwards, Chair of the Authority

1. Finances:

In February 2017 West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority (WMFRA) agreed a net Revenue Budget for 2017/18 of £94.8 million financed mainly through core funding from Government (£54.7 million) and Precepts on the West Midland 2 city and 5 Metropolitan Borough Council collected through Council Tax (£39.3 million).

Council Tax was increased by 1.99% over the preceding year. Even with this increase WMFRA still sets a lower Council Tax than any other Fire and Rescue Authority in the country. By 2019/20, core funding provided by the Government to WMFRA will have been reduced by 50% (£38 million) since the cuts began in 2011. A four year settlement offer has been secured from government by the provision of a service efficiency plan for 2016/17 – 2019/20.

This produces the following further core funding reductions:

2016/17 £3.278m

2017/18 £3.985m

2018/19 £1.691m

2019/20 £0.690m

This represents a reduction of core funding over the four year period 2016/17 – 2019/20 of £9.4 million or 15%. These figures are included in the total cuts mentioned above of £38 million or 50% during the period 2011/12 to 2019/20.

The Authority has approved a four-year strategy to deal with the £9.4m deficit, through a series of measures which will support the Service in maintaining its current Service Delivery Model whilst maintaining the 5 minute response time to category 1 type incidents (which pose a threat to lives and property)

Capital spending Capital funding across the fire and rescue sector is dire. Total capital requirements by WMFRA in 2017/18 and 2018/19 are £20.84 million. This is being funded in the main from our own earmarked reserves. The main call on this investment will be fire station replacements; Coventry and Aston rebuilds are currently underway. There is also a need to fund the vehicle replacement programme.

In 2019/2020 available capital falls to £3.181. No specific announcements have been made by CLG in relation to capital funding. As a consequence there will be a capital funding shortfall of circa £3 million per year from 2020/21 onwards just to meet anticipated

replacement of essential capital assets i.e. vehicles and equipment, not allowing for the funding impact of introducing any new schemes into the capital programme such as further station redevelopments and refurbishments.

Measures are being put in place through the LGA and the National Fire Chiefs Council to lobby government on its failure to enable access to capital funding for the fire and rescue sector and the consequences for future years.

2. Future governance of West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority

The government's Policing and Crime Bill received assent on 31st January 2017. The Bill provides for Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC) to assume governance of fire and rescue services. The Bill extends the same provision to elected Mayors in devolved areas like the West Midlands. WMFRA has been discussing this potential change for over a year and in June 2016 established an independently Chaired Governance Working group to look at the issue in detail. Membership of the Group included representatives of the FRA, Home Office, West Midlands Ambulance Service, PCC, health services and the Chamber of Commerce. It was independently chaired by Richard Bacon from PWC. Taking into account the findings of the Group, feedback from the Authority survey carried out in January and December and the views of the Authority, on 20th February WMFRA agreed unanimously to establish a route to future governance with the West Midlands Combined Authority and elected Mayor.

On 3rd March the West Midlands Combined Authority unanimously supported this approach and has since publically recognised the contribution that West Midlands Fire Service can make to developing public service reform and health intervention and prevention. The Service/CFO leads on PSR and MSN for the WMCA. The Service/CFO leads on PSR and MSN for the WMCA. Consultation will now be mapped with the WMCA and Mayor and with employees and the public to develop a local approach to future governance. The 'Plan' which is the strategic document of the Authority reflects this approach and our future direction.

3. Employee provision and relations

Because of the ambition of West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority (WMFRA) to be an outstanding employer even in difficult financial times, we became a Living Wage employer two years ago, adopting the Living Wage Foundation recommendation on minimum hourly rates.

WMFRA has now agreed to support the TUCs 'Dying to Work' campaign which recognises the rights of people in the workplace who have been diagnosed with terminal illness.

Relationships with our staff remain harmonious. Cooperation and flexibility is central to delivering new working arrangements which are ensuring that stations and fire appliances are kept on the run and available to meet our target response time of 5-minutes to reach life and property threatening incidents. Actual average response times currently are better than target at 4 minutes 40 seconds. Staff flexibilities are also critical to the delivery of the 'falls response' service which we continue to deliver to vulnerable people in Coventry and Wolverhampton. A third scheme has just started as a pilot with Dudley Council. Working

with our seven Councils through the Combined Authority/ Mayor will enable the development of more health related prevention and interventions with partners in the future. Supporting not only the delivery of WMFR priorities but also those of the wider west midlands public services – delivering joined up outcomes for our communities.

4. Year 2016- 17 performance

Attached are performance indicators for the year 2016- 2017.

Accidental fires in dwellings are below target but arson fires and casualties are above. Arson attacks in commercial properties and on vehicles are significantly over target. During this period, almost 300 people were rescued or led to safety from fires by firefighters. Fire crews attended 2269 road traffic collisions and extricated 262 people from vehicles.

In incidents like these West Midlands Fire Service response times, which remain the best in the country, are critical to survivability.

John Edwards Chair,

West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority

June 2017

Performance Indicator	Actual 2016/17	Target 2016/17
The number of accidental fires in dwellings	1591	1665
The number of injuries from accidental fires in dwellings	65	61
The number of arson fires in dwellings	206	185
The number of accidental fires in non-domestic premises	449	445
The number of arson fires in non-domestic premises	193	125
The number of arson vehicle fires	914	670
The number of arson rubbish fires	1922	2053
The number of malicious false alarms calls received	879	N/A
The number of false alarm calls due to automatic fire alarms	5660	5661
Number of evacuees with brigade assistance from fires (not casualties or rescues)	256	N/A
Number of rescues from fires (excluding casualties who are rescued)	59	N/A
Number of RTCs attended	2499	N/A
Number of extrications from RTCs	274	N/A

WEST MIDLANDS JOINT COMMITTEE – 23rd June 2017

Report of Birmingham City Council and Dudley MBC District Advisers

BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To note an action taken under the Districts' Side Agreement since the last Meeting of Joint Committee

2. Background

- 2.1 Under Section 5.4 of the Districts' Side agreement, Joint Committee may arrange for the discharge of their functions by each of the Districts' Chief Executives or anyone authorised by any District to act in the Chief Executive's absence acting in consultation with the Chair or Vice Chair of Joint Committee
- 2.2 Since the last meeting of Joint Committee, approval has been given under Section 5.4 of the Districts' Side Agreement to the change in representation from Dudley MBC to the Board of Birmingham Airport Holdings Limited as set out in Paragraph 3 below

3. District nominations- action taken under Districts' Side Agreement

- 3.1 Each of the Districts other than Birmingham (which nominates four persons) nominates one person to the Joint Committee for appointment to the Board. Directors need not be Councillors. The Joint Committee is required to observe the wishes of each of the Districts in respect of each appointment and removal, and wherever practicable to appoint Directors for a period of two years.
- 3.2 In June 2016, West Midland Joint Committee appointed the District Directors for a two year term of office ending with the Annual General Meeting of the Joint Committee in June 2018.
- 3.3 Approval has been given under Section 5.4 of the Districts' Side Agreement to the appointment of Councillor David Vickers from Dudley MBC to serve on the Board of Birmingham Airport Holdings Limited for the remainder of the period expiring in June 2018 in place of Councillor Hilary Bills.

4. Recommendation

It is recommended that:

- 4.1 the action taken under the Districts' Side Agreement set out in paragraph 3 above be noted

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