

Agenda

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Mr. D Greenow, Mr. D C Taylor, Mr. P J Watts.

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Mrs. L Hodgson, Mrs. G Hopkins, Mrs. F Oborski, Mrs. J Potter,
Mr. D W Prodger MBE, Mr. C T Smith, Mr. T Spencer, Mr. K Taylor,
Mr. J Thomas, Mr. R M Udall, Mr. G C Yarranton.

A minute's silence in memory of Gary Williams and Dave Taylor

No.	Item	Pages
1.	Apologies for Absence To receive any apologies for absence.	
2.	Declaration of Interests (if any) The Members' Code of Conduct requires Councillors to declare any interests against an Agenda item, the nature of an interest and whether the interest is personal or prejudicial. If a Councillor has a personal interest, they must declare it but can stay, take part and vote in the meeting. If a Councillor has a prejudicial interest then they must declare what that interest is and leave the meeting room for the duration of the item. This item allows the Chairman to invite any Councillor to declare an interest in any of the items on this Agenda.	
3.	Chairman's Announcements	
4.	Confirmation of Minutes To confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Fire and Rescue Authority held on 25 June 2010.	1 – 8
5.	Questions from Members of the Public To receive questions previously submitted by members of the public more than five clear working days before the meeting of the Authority.	None
6.	Appointment of Treasurer To confirm the appointment of Treasurer to the Authority.	9 - 15

7. Chief Fire Officer's Service Report	
To inform Members of recent key developments and activities together with performance information for the period 1 April 2010 to 30 June 2010.	16 - 23
8. Review of Committee Structure	
To approve the review of the Committee Structure undertaken by the Governance Review Working Group, as recommended by the Audit Committee.	24 - 44
9. Allocation of Seats to Political Groups and Appointments to Committees	
Subject to the agreement of proposed changes to the Committee structure following the Governance Review, this paper requests that consideration is given to the appointments to the offices of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Authority's Committees and to the allocation of seats on Committees to political groups. It also recommends that the Clerk is authorised, following consultation with Group Leaders, to make appointments to Committees.	45 - 54
10. Amendment to Principal Officer Structure	
To seek the Authority's approval to remove one Assistant Chief Fire Officer (ACFO) from the Service structure and to redistribute the Principal Officer references as appropriate.	55 - 66
11. Members' Allowances Scheme	
To consider the level of Members' Allowances in accordance with the provisions of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 (the Regulations).	67 - 68
12. Formula Grant Consultation	
To consider the Authority's response to the government consultation on potential changes to formula grant distribution.	69 - 78
13. Future of West Midlands Regional Management Board	
The recent announcement by the Fire Minister Bob Neill that Fire and Rescue Services no longer have to work through Regional Management Boards has given the opportunity for the West Midlands Regional Management Board (WMRMB) to review its position. This report proposes that as recommended by WMRMB, the Authority consider the dissolution of the Board.	79 - 92
14. Audit Committee Report	
Report on the proceedings of the Audit Committee 30 June 2010	93 - 126

15. Budget Committee Report	127
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