

## 12. Urgent Decision No. 1/10

### Purpose of report

1. To inform the Authority of the Urgent Decision of 16 December 2010 (UD 1/10).
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### Recommendation

***The Chief Fire Officer and the Clerk recommend that the Authority notes the Urgent Decision made on 16 December 2010.***

### Introduction and Background

2. The Authority reviewed the structure and the Terms of Reference of all of its Committees on 28 September 2010.
3. Within that review it was decided to replace the role and functions of the Urgent Decisions Committee with a new procedure to deal with any matters which were urgent and where it would be impractical to call a meeting of the Authority.

### The Urgent Decisions Procedure

4. The Authority agreed on 28 September 2010 that the Urgent Decisions Committee be disbanded and that decisions be delegated to the Chief Fire Officer in consultation with Group Leaders, where the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Chairman, agreed that the decision was urgent and that it would be impractical to call a meeting of the Authority.
5. The Authority further resolved that ***“The use of the proposed Urgent Decision procedure is reported at full Authority meetings”***.
6. In December 2010 the Chief Fire Officer and the senior management of the Service grew increasingly concerned regarding the future of the Regional Control Centre (RCC) project and the probability that the Government might abandon the proposed Centre. The Chief Fire Officer felt that there was an urgent need to put in place procedures to tender for new centre equipment should the RCC project be abandoned.
7. In order to address these concerns, the Urgent Decision procedure was used to permit the Service to go to tender for a replacement mobilising system.
8. The Urgent Decision record is attached (Appendix 1) and the case for the Decision is attached at Appendix 2.

## Financial Considerations

Consideration	Yes/No	Reference in Report i.e. paragraph no.
There are financial issues that require consideration	Y	The whole report

## Legal Considerations

Consideration	Yes/No	Reference in Report i.e. paragraph no.
There are legal issues e.g. contractual and procurement, reputational issues that require consideration	Y	The whole report

## Additional Considerations

9. The table below sets out any additional issues arising from the proposals contained in this report and identifies the relevant paragraphs in the report where such issues are addressed.

Consideration	Yes/No	Reference in Report i.e. paragraph no.
<b>Resources</b> (e.g. Assets, ICT, Human Resources, Training & Development, Sustainability).	N	
<b>Strategic Policy Links</b> (e.g. IRMP, Authority Plan, Equality & Diversity, Partnerships, Environmental Impact).	N	
<b>Risk Management / Health &amp; Safety</b> (e.g. risk management and control measures, risk register score).	Y	The whole report
<b>Consultation with Representative Bodies</b>	N	

## Supporting Information

- Appendix 1 – Urgent Decision Record No. 01/10
- Appendix 2 - Fire Control Resilience Project Urgent Decision Proposal
- Background Papers – Minutes of the Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority meeting 28 September 2010

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