

### **13. Report from the Policy and Resources Committee**

#### **Purpose of report**

1. To inform the Authority of the proceedings of the Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 7 September 2011.
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#### **Recommendation**

***The Policy and Resources Committee recommends that the Authority note the proceedings of the Committee Meeting held on 7 September 2011.***

2. The Committee considered a Statement of Policy in relation to the discretionary regulations of the Local Government Pension Scheme which employers are required to formulate, publish and keep under review. The Committee referred the Statement of Policy to the full Authority for approval and this has been considered elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting.
3. The Treasurer updated the Committee on the current position on budgets and expenditure for 2011-12 and the Treasury Activities for 2010-11, which were noted.
4. The Chief Fire Officer presented the draft IRMP Action Plan 2012/13, which was considered by the Committee. The Committee recommended the draft Plan for approval by the full Authority and this has been considered elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting.
5. The Committee also considered a review of Attendance at False Alarms caused by Automatic Fire Alarms and subsequent recommendations. The recommendations included reducing attendance to one appliance, except where risk factors and intelligence information indicated otherwise and non-attendance at hospitals and non residential premises, unless a fire had been reported. The Committee endorsed further engagement with stakeholders in order support of a future submission to the full Authority for consideration.
6. Members discussed and noted the performance analysis for the first quarter against objectives sets out in the current Fire Authority Plan. The Committee was informed that the Service had succeeded in improving outcomes across a wide range of indicators through the first quarter.
7. The Committee was informed of progress on the Retained Duty System (RDS) Implementation Plan, which had followed the review of RDS management and working practices in 2008. The Implementation Plan consisted of 24 objectives which sought to improve practice for RDS staff. In particular, the introduction of an Electronic Availability System to record availability of RDS appliances and personnel had produced significant improvements for staff.
8. The Committee also noted the following reports:
  - Reported Abuse to Staff by the Public
  - The Annual Report on Employment Monitoring for 2010/11

- The Update from the Joint Consultative Committee.
- The Update from the Health & Safety Liaison Panel. The Committee noted significant issues raised and referred the nomination of an Authority Member representative to sit on the Health & Safety Liaison Panel to Group Leaders for endorsement at the full Authority.

9. In addition, the Committee also approved the purchase of land for a Strategic Training Facility and supported ongoing partnership working between the Service and West Mercia Police.

### Financial Considerations

Consideration	Yes/No	Reference in Report i.e. paragraph no.
There are financial issues that require consideration	N	

### 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	N	

### Additional Considerations

10. 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).	N	
<b>Consultation with Representative Bodies</b>	N	

### Background Papers

Agenda and Reports for the Meetings of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 7 September 2011.

(The background papers can be viewed on the Service website: [www.hwfire.org.uk](http://www.hwfire.org.uk)).

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