

## Election of Director to West Midlands Fire and Rescue Services Regional Control Centre

### Report of the Chief Fire Officer

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### 1 Purpose of Report

This report brings to Members' attention the need to elect one Member to the position of Director on the Local Authority Controlled Company (LACC) that will be the management company for the Regional Control Centre.

### 2 Recommendations

- a) The Fire Authority is asked to elect a Member as the Director to the Board of the Local Authority Controlled Company known as The West Midlands Fire and Rescue Services Regional Control Centre Limited Company.

It is therefore recommended that:

The Fire Authority appoints Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ as its nominated Director of the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Services Regional Control Centre Limited Company in place of Councillor Hartin whose appointment as Director hereby terminates

**Or**

The Fire Authority confirms the continued appointment of Councillor Hartin as its nominated Director of the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Services Regional Control Centre Limited Company

- b) To consider whether the Member nominated to sit as a Director of the Regional Control Centre Board should receive a special responsibility allowance.



### **3 Background**

Each Fire and Rescue Authority (FRA) in the Region has total discretion as to who they appoint as their director. The Members' Agreement records the intention of the FRAs to appoint elected Members as directors, but does not stipulate whether this needs to be the Chair or another elected Member. In the view of the legal officer for the Regional Management Board, directorships of this sort are personal appointments, with the associated personal responsibilities and should be made as such by elected Members of FRAs.

### **4 Financial Implications**

The Regional Control Centre Company is prevented from making payment to the elected directors through its Memorandum and Articles of Association. However, in the East Midlands Region their FRAs are minded to pay a Special Responsibility Allowance to those elected Members who are selected to sit on the Regional Control Centre Board. Members may wish to consider this.

### **5 Legal Comment**

The role and responsibilities of a Company Director relate directly to the company and that individual owes the company a duty to act in its best interests which are not necessarily always identical to the best interests of the Fire Authority. Each of the five fire authorities in the West Midlands region is required to appoint a member to sit on the board of the company. The Authority has the power to appoint a Director to sit on the board of the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Service Regional Control Centre Limited.

### **6 Equality Impact Assessment**

This report is merely a reminder of the process to elect a Member as the director of the LACC Board and as such does not require an equality impact assessment.

### **7 Appendices**

There are no appendices attached to this report.

### **8 Background Papers**

There are no background papers associated with this report.



Implications of all of the following have been considered and, where they are significant (i.e. marked with an asterisk), the implications are detailed within the report itself.

Balanced Score Card		Integrated Risk Management Planning	
Business Continuity Planning		Legal	
Capacity		Member Involvement	
Civil Contingencies Act		National Framework	*
Comprehensive Performance Assessment		Operational Assurance	
Efficiency Savings		Retained	
Environmental		Risk and Insurance	
Financial		Staff	
Fire Control/Fire Link	*	Strategic Planning	
Information Communications and Technology		West Midlands Regional Management Board	*
Freedom of Information / Data Protection / Environmental Information		Equality Impact Assessment	*

