



## Report

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Report Title:

### *Fire and Rescue Service Lead Officer Progress Report*

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Summary:

On 29<sup>th</sup> March 2007 the WMRMB approved the establishment of a Fire and Rescue Service Lead Officer post for a period of one year with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007 on a part time basis.

It was agreed that the post holder should submit quarterly progress reports to the WMRMB Programme Board and the report for the period January to March 2008 is attached for information.

Recommendation(s):

That WMRMB note the contents of the progress report.

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**1. Background Details:**

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**2. Financial Implications:**

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There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

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**3. Background Papers:**

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Minutes of WMRMB Programme Board, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2007.

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**4. Attachments:**

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Fire and Rescue Service Lead Officer progress report.

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**FRS Lead Officer Progress Report  
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**Period : January - March 2008**

Capacity Building Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ongoing co-ordination and development of regional bid to draw down £140,000 for E&amp;D Project</li></ul>
Local Area Agreements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ongoing intelligence gathering and sharing as appropriate</li><li>• Arranged CFOs update forum with Assistant Director, Local Government, Places Directorate</li><li>• Attended LAA Roadshow event at the Molineux</li><li>• Secured extra places at Black Country LSPs Duty to Co-operate event</li><li>• Briefed Locality Leads as appropriate re fire input to LAAs</li></ul>
Raising Profile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Arranged and participated in regional CDRP workshop in conjunction with GOWM</li><li>• Working with GOWM Community Safety Team to carry forward actions from above event</li><li>• FRS issues raised in Places Directorate Team Meetings - ongoing</li><li>• Input at RIEP strategic co-ordination group</li><li>• Facilitated meetings with GOWM Locality Leads for Staffordshire, Wolverhampton and Solihull</li><li>• Briefed Place Directorate re current fire “scorecards”</li></ul>
Ministerial Briefings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Briefed Liam Byrne (Minister for the West Midlands) and Trudi Elliott (GOWM Regional Director) re Warwickshire fatal fire</li><li>• Liaised with WMFS re arrangements for Warwickshire Firefighters’ Memorial Service</li></ul>

**FRS Lead Officer Progress Report  
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**Period January – March 2008**

Performance

- Liaised with the CoE Director/CFOs re fire representation on RIEP Board
- Discussions with RIEP re potential funding/resource for Warwickshire FRS – ongoing
- Liaised with Audit Commission/G Edwards re CPA to CAA transition with possibility of presenting to Performance Group at a later date
- Arranged for IDeA input to June Programme Board

Dissemination of Information

- Schedule of update meetings with CFOs
- Briefed WMFS CFO re Balsall Heath Forum - ongoing
- Information disseminated:-
  - LAA Roadshow slides
  - Chief Executive movements
  - Working Neighbourhood's Fund
  - Revised West Midlands Economic Strategy
  - Equality and Human Rights Commission funding programme
  - Buncefield – Westminster Hall Debate
  - Regional Spatial Strategy – Phase 1 revision
  - Hazel Blears' speech to new Local Gov't Network annual conference
  - Public Health indicators – older people