



## Report

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Report Status: To inform WMRMB of the findings and recommendations arising from the recent WMRMB Review.	

Report Title:

### *WMRMB Review 2008*

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#### Summary:

Appended to this report is the **WMRMB Review 2008** which sets out the findings and recommendations arising from the recent appraisal of this region's partnership working arrangements and requirements of the new National Framework 2008-11.

#### Recommendation(s):

WMRMB are requested to:

1. Note the Review's findings, and
2. Consider and agree (as appropriate) the Review's recommendations.

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## **1. Background Details:**

The new Fire and Rescue National Framework 2008-11 is a strategic plan which outlines the outcomes the Government expects to see delivered by Fire and Rescue Authorities (FRAs) and Regional Management Boards (RMBs) across the range of their functions. Government still see a role for RMBs and view them as essential to delivering efficiency, effectiveness and an enhanced resilience capability for FRAs.

The Framework recommends that RMBs now *'take stock'* of how effectively they have delivered the core functions that were set out for them in the White Paper - *Our Fire and Rescue Service* in 2003.

The appended report summarises the findings of a recent review to determine the effectiveness of the WMRMB partnership arrangements and considers what aspects of the new Framework stakeholders believe should be addressed during 2008-11.

The Review document has been considered by the WMRMB Programme Board who tasked the Chief Fire Officer of West Midlands Fire Service and Programme Manager to develop the recommendations into a draft WMRMB Programme Plan for 2008/09.

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## **2. Legal Implications:**

The Fire Services Act 2004 stipulates that FRAs - *'must have regard to the Framework in carrying out their functions'* (Part 3, Section 21 (7)).

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## **3. Financial Implications:**

Financial implications arising from the Review are included within the appended report.

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## **4. Background Papers:**

- Fire and Rescue Service Circular 52/2007 (issued 14 November 2007)
- Fire and Rescue Service National Framework 2008-11 (Consultation Document)
- ODPM Partnership Assessment Tool (2003)

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## **5. Attachments:**

Appendix: WMRMB Review 2008

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