

## **West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority**

### **AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011**

#### **Audit Commission Act 1998 Sections 15 to 16**

#### **Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2003 Regulations 13, 14 and 16**

The Authority's accounts are subject to external audit by the Audit Commission, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, No 1 Friarsgate, 1011 Stratford Road, Solihull, West Midlands, B90 4EB. Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process:

1. From 4<sup>th</sup> July to 29<sup>th</sup> July 2011 between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm any person may inspect the accounts of the Authority for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 and certain related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts) at West Midlands Fire Service Headquarters, 99 Vauxhall Road, Birmingham, B7 4HW. They may also make copies of the accounts and documents.
2. From 10.00 am on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2011 until the conclusion of the audit process, a local government elector for the area of the Authority, or his/her representative, may ask the auditor questions about the accounts. Please contact the auditor at the address given above to make arrangements to ask any questions.
3. From 10.00 am on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2011 until the conclusion of the audit process, a local government elector for the area of the Authority, or his/her representative, may object to the Authority's accounts asking that the auditor issue a report in the public interest (under section 8 of the Audit Commission Act 1998) and/or apply to the court for a declaration that an item in the accounts is contrary to law (under section 17 of the Audit Commission Act 1998). Written notice of a proposed objection and the grounds on which it is made must be sent to the auditor at the address given above and copied to me at the address given below.

Dated 16th June 2011

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