

Cabinet – 21st March 2018

Addendum to West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority Governance Consultation Report

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 That this addendum report be noted alongside the main report 'West Midlands Fire Authority Governance Review Consultation' before Cabinet.
- 1.2 The purpose of the report is to provide Cabinet with an update of the outcomes of an additional 30 completed consultation surveys that were received through the post following the close of the consultation.

2.0 Addendum Detail

- 3.1 The West Midlands Fire Authority ran a public consultation from the 11th January to the 8th March. The results were collated, evaluated and a report provided to seven West Midlands Councils on the 12th March. A further 30 completed surveys were then received after the 12th March.
- 3.2 The West Midlands Fire Authority considers that these responses should be accepted due to the likelihood that the surveys were submitted and received at its offices before the consultation deadline and the delay in reaching the West Midlands Combined Authority may have been due to postal delivery.
- 3.3 Below is a table (Table 1) showing the outcome of consultation as previously published, the outcome only taking into account the thirty late responses, and latest outcome incorporating all responses with the changes highlighted.
- 3.4 In summary by incorporating the additional thirty responses the changes to responses to the five questions posed about the proposed changes are:
 - Proposed Governance Arrangements: Strongly Disagree/Disagree down 1% from 41% to 40%.
 - Role of Fire Advisory Committee: Neither Agree or Disagree up 1% from 6% to 7%, and Strongly Disagree/Disagree down 1% from 33% to 32%.
 - Chief Fire Officer to be accountable to the Mayor: Strongly Agree/Agree up 1% from 54% to 55 %.
 - Lead to a more joined up and focused service: Don't Know up 1% from 3% to 4%.
 - Meets the Secretary of State's Key Tests: Strongly Disagree/Disagree down 1% from 42% to 41% and Don't Know up 1% from 4% to 5%.

3.5 In respect of the demographic profiles of respondents, there is no significant change from the original published outcomes (Table 2).

Table 1

Previously published results:

Consultation Questions	Strongly Agree/ Agree		Neither agree or disagree		Strongly Disagree / Disagree		Don't Know	
	Response s	%	Response s	%	Response s	%	Response s	%
Proposed Governance Arrangements	529	47	102	9	468	41	30	3
Role of Fire Advisory Committee	667	59	73	6	369	33	17	2
Chief Fire Officer to be accountable to the Mayor	604	54	96	9	397	35	22	2
Lead to a more joined up and focused service	477	42	141	13	473	42	36	3
Meets the Secretary of State's Key Tests	440	39	171	15	467	42	50	4

Table of outcomes for the Additional 30 Responses only:

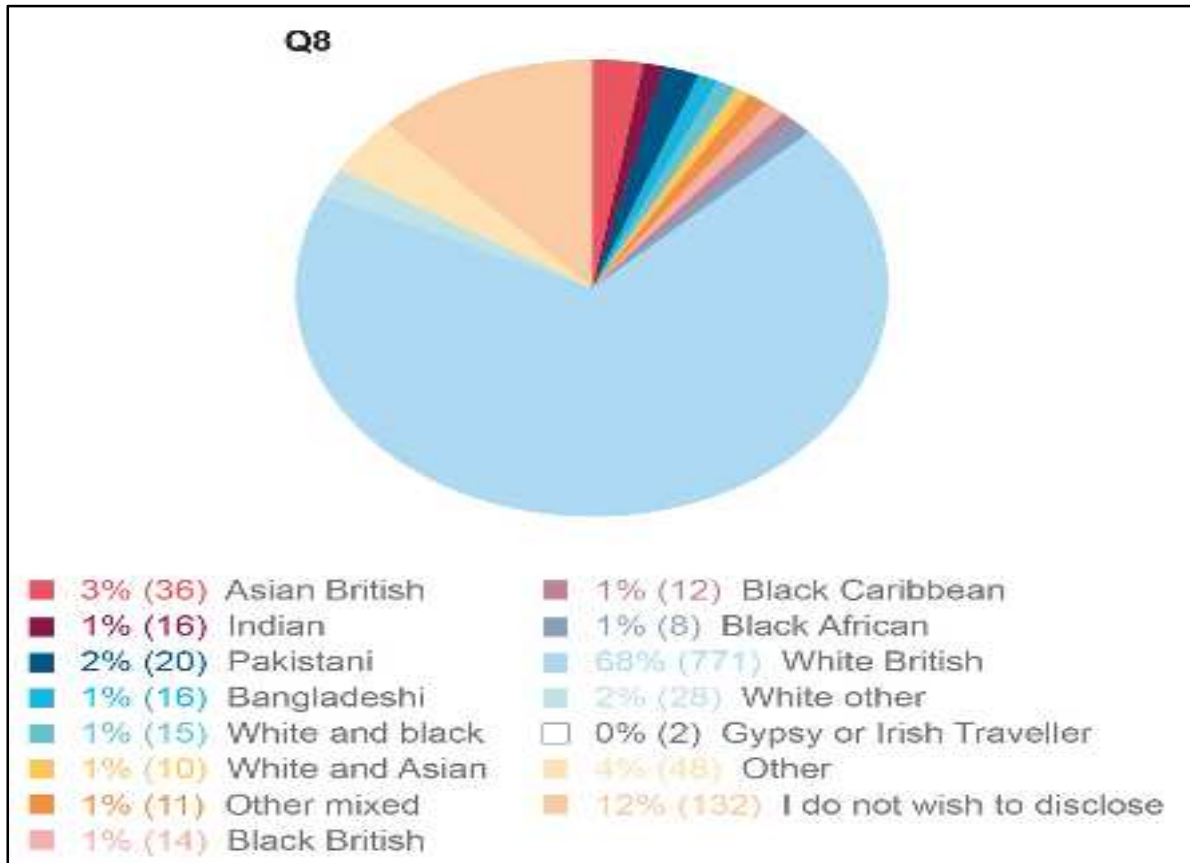
Consultation Questions	Strongly Agree/ Agree		Neither agree or disagree		Strongly Disagree / Disagree		Don't Know	
	Response s	%	Response s	%	Response s	%	Response s	%
Proposed Governance Arrangements	14	47	6	20	5	17	5	17
Role of Fire Advisory Committee	13	43	6	20	5	17	6	20
Chief Fire Officer to be accountable to the Mayor	20	67	2	7	3	10	4	13
Lead to a more joined up and focused service	10	33	4	13	10	33	6	20
Meets the Secretary of State's Key Tests	12	40	4	13	9	30	5	17

Combined Table (changes highlighted):

Consultation Questions	Strongly Agree/ Agree		Neither agree or disagree		Strongly Disagree / Disagree		Don't Know	
	Responses	%	Responses	%	Response s	%	Responses	%
Proposed Governance Arrangements	543	47	108	9	473	40	35	3
Role of Fire Advisory	680	59	79	7	374	3	23	2

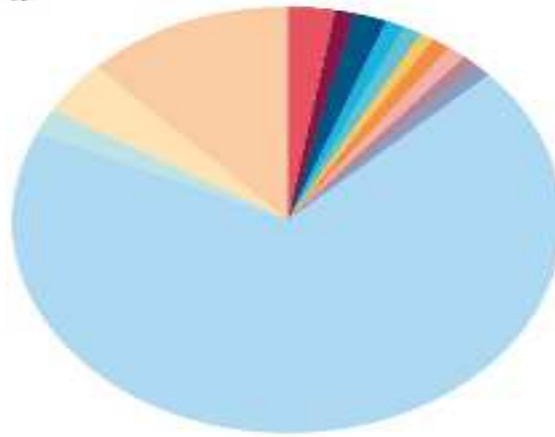
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Chief Fire Officer to be accountable to the Mayor	624	55	98	9	400	35	26	2
Lead to a more joined up and focused service	487	42	145	13	483	42	42	4
Meets the Secretary of State's Key Tests	452	39	175	15	476	41	55	5

Table 2



Original demographic profile above and updated below.

Q8



3% (37) Asian British	1% (13) Black Caribbean
1% (16) Indian	1% (8) Black African
2% (20) Pakistani	67% (787) White British
1% (16) Bangladeshi	3% (30) White other
1% (16) White and black	0% (3) Gypsy or Irish Traveller
1% (10) White and Asian	4% (49) Other
1% (12) Other mixed	12% (137) I do not wish to disclose
1% (16) Black British	