

<b>WYFRA</b>	<b>AUTHORITY</b>	<b>5 SEPTEMBER 2008</b>	<b>ITEM No</b>
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REPORT OF: DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE RESOURCES

PURPOSE OF REPORT: TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS OF COMPANY DIRECTORS TO THE REGIONAL CONTROL CENTRE COMPANY.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT THE AUTHORITY MAKE APPOINTMENTS OF 4 DIRECTORS TO THE REGIONAL CONTROL CENTRE COMPANY.

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#### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT DETAILS**

Exemption Category: Nil

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Background Papers: None

## **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The Authority has agreed to become a member of a limited company to be set up to operate the new Regional Control Centre, whose construction has just been completed in Wakefield. This issue has been the subject of a number of detailed previous reports to the Authority.
- 1.2 The original government anticipation in the FRS National Framework was that each region would establish a limited company by May 2007. However, this was not possible, nor considered necessary in this region, due to the fact that the RCC will not be going live until 2011, which is towards the end of the National Network implementation programme.
- 1.3 A provisional incorporation date of the end of September 2008 was agreed with the partner FRAs with the subject to final agreement being reached on the terms and conditions of incorporation with the other three fire and rescue authorities within the region. Whilst this process is still pending it is now reaching a conclusion and it is anticipated that the company will be incorporated in the near future. Private sector legal advisers have been jointly commissioned to draft the necessary legal documentation.
- 1.4 In the meantime the Regional Management Board has been acting as a shadow board of directors, albeit that it has not so far had many decisions to make.
- 1.5 Given the anticipated incorporation of the company in the near future it is now appropriate that this Authority should determine its appointment of directors in order that they can take office as soon after incorporation as possible.
- 1.6 This Authority has chosen to use the human director appointment model and in consequence it must appoint four directors in accordance with the agreed formula. The provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (Political Balance on Committees etc rules) do not apply to joint companies which are not within the specified schedule of bodies in the Act. (If the political balance rules were applied then the directors would be appointed on the basis that two were labour, one was conservative and one was liberal democrat.)

### **Conclusion**

- 1.7 The Authority is invited to determine the appointment of four directors to the company. It is recommended that the appointments be for a maximum term which expires on the date of the annual general meeting of the Authority in June 2009 and that such appointments are made on an annual basis thereafter. The Authority should also appoint "Alternate Directors" authorised to act in place of the Director in case any are unable to attend a meeting.