

## **WEST MIDLANDS AMBULANCE SERVICE NHS TRUST - PROPOSED RECONFIGURATION OF EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRES IN THE WEST MIDLANDS**

**Report By: Directorate Services Officer (Health)**

### **Wards Affected**

County-wide

### **Purpose**

1. To consider a response to the West Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust's proposed reconfiguration of emergency operations centres.

### **Financial implications**

2. None identified.

### **Background**

3. Councillor K Swinburne and Sara Siloko, Directorate Services Officer (Health) attended a regional health scrutiny network (chairs and officers) meeting in Birmingham on 27 June to receive a presentation and discuss West Midlands Ambulance Service (WMAS) emergency reconfiguration plans. The Network decided to reconvene near the end of the public consultation period to put together a formal regional response after individual health scrutiny committees had had an opportunity to formulate their own responses. This regional meeting will be on 26 September. The public consultation on the proposals closes on 1 October.
4. Councillor Swinburne, Councillor Daniels and Sara Siloko met the WMAS chair, chief executive, Hereford-Worcester-Shropshire locality director and communications director for a briefing on Wednesday 18 July. They were assured that the service to Herefordshire would - through improved technology/communications and back-up systems - enjoy increased resilience and improved access to regional resources, that local knowledge would still be fully utilised, that there would be no local redundancies, and that any savings would be ploughed back into local service improvement.
5. A copy of the WMAS public consultation document has been previously circulated to Members of the Committee.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the Committee is considers its response to the proposals and the public consultation process.**

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- None