



**WEST MIDLANDS BRANCH
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD at 10am on Friday 13 June 2014
at Eversheds, 115 Colmore Row, Birmingham**

Present:

Helen Riley, Chairman	Staffordshire CC
Ian Miller, Hon Secretary	Wyre Forest DC
Julie Batt	Warwickshire CC
Jane Burns	Gloucestershire CC
John Garrett	Sandwell MBC
Sally Hodges	Solihull MBC
Charlotte Johns	Wolverhampton City Council
Paul Lankester	Stratford DC
Jamie Morris	Walsall MBC
Ruth Mullen	Worcester City Council
Duncan Sharkey	Worcester City Council
Julian Wain	Independent consultant
Perry Wardle	Staffordshire Moorlands DC and High Peak BC
Observers	
Debbie Woods	SOLACE
Kate Watts	Great Yarmouth BC

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from the following:

Kushal Birla	Warwickshire CC
Chris Bocock	Malvern Hills DC
Olwen Dutton	Bevan Brittan
Faisal Hussain	Solihull MBC
Stephen Hughes	Independent consultant
Jerry Hutchinson	North Warwickshire BC
Mick King	Local Government Ombudsman
Richard King	Lichfield DC
Clare Marchant	Worcestershire CC

2 Minutes of the AGM held on 16 October 2012

The minutes were approved. There were no matters arising.

3 Chairman's report: Helen Riley

Helen Riley gave a brief update on the branch's work over the previous period. She gave a commitment to organising more events with help and support from SOLACE HQ – Debbie Wood confirmed that HQ was keen to assist. The half day style format used in today's event was supported, as was continuation of working jointly with the East Midlands Branch.

4 Hon Secretary/Treasurer's report

The report from Ian Miller was noted and the accounts for 2012-13 and 2013-14 were approved. The branch supported funding for 3 spaces at the SOLACE Summit for newer recruits in the region.

5 Appointment of branch officers, 2014/15

The following officers were elected:

Chairman Helen Riley (Staffordshire County Council)
Vice Chairman Richard King (Lichfield District Council)
Junior Vice-Chairman Jamie Morris (Walsall MBC)
Honorary Secretary/Treasurer Ian Miller (Wyre Forest DC)
Senior Manager Representatives (2) Steve Maxey (North Warwickshire Borough Council) and Sally Hodges (Solihull MBC)

6 Any other business

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 10.15am.

Ian Miller
Honorary Secretary
SOLACE West Midlands Branch
24 September 2014