

Report to	<b>North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority</b>
Date	<b>21 October 2024</b>
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Subject	<b>Annual Performance Assessment 2023/24</b>



## PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 To present for Members' approval the annual assessment of North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority's (the Authority) performance in achieving its Improvement and Well-Being Objectives, and medium-term Equality Objectives during 2023/24.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2 Section 15 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 requires the Fire and Rescue Authority to make arrangements for the publication of the authority's assessment of its performance during a financial year by no later than 31st October in the financial year following that to which the information relates.
- 3 Schedule 1 of the Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015 makes provision requiring each public body to publish annual reports of the progress it has made in meeting its well-being objectives.

## OBSERVATIONS FROM EXECUTIVE PANEL/AUDIT COMMITTEE

- 4 On the 16 September 2024 the Authority's Executive Panel was presented with the Annual Performance Assessment (APA), where it was noted and endorsed to come to Full Authority on 16 October 2023.

## RECOMMENDATION

- 5 That Members:
  - i) note the contents of the Annual Performance Assessment for the period 2023/24; and
  - ii) approve the Annual Performance Assessment 2023/24 for publication on the Fire and Rescue Authority's website.

## **BACKGROUND**

- 6 The Annual Performance Assessment is a self-assessment of progress against the previous year's improvement (The Measure 2009) and Well-being objectives (Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015).

There is flexibility in how FRAs choose to report on their performance but for consistency in reporting and accountability it is recommended that all reports contain:

- Evidence of the processes that the FRA has gone through to discharge its general duty to improve as expressed in the previous year's improvement plan;
- A summary assessment of the FRA's view of its success in achieving its improvement objectives as set out in the previous year's improvement plan;
- A statement of performance as measured by all statutory PIs, whether or not these relate directly to improvement objectives;
- Details of other performance information and its use, including the results of peer review, any assessments made by the Chief Fire and Rescue Adviser and other sources of qualitative information including benchmarking data;
- An assessment of performance by comparison with the FRA's performance in previous years and with other comparable bodies (including other FRAs) so far as this is reasonably practicable;
- Details of the ways in which the FRA has exercised its powers of collaboration during the reporting year including details of whether a collaborative activity has achieved its intended outcomes; and
- Any statements of activity that the FRA has issued as a result of any reports issued under Section 19 of the Measure by the Auditor General for Wales to that FRA in that reporting year.

## **INFORMATION**

- 7 The design of this Annual Performance Assessment mirrors previous iterations of the APA during the life of the 21-24 Corporate Plan. APA 24-25 design will mirror the 'Our 5 Principles' design.

- 8 As it is the final year of the three-year plan, a reflection of progress over the life of the plan is included, as well as the annual update on progress.
- 9 The APA contains the All Wales Dwelling Fire Response Charter.

## IMPLICATIONS

Well-being Objectives	Schedule 1 of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 makes provision requiring each public body to publish annual reports of the progress it has made in meeting its well-being objectives.
Budget	No implications
Legal	The publication of the Annual Performance Assessment is a requirement of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 and the Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015.
Staffing	No implications
Equalities/Human Rights/ Welsh Language	The Annual Performance Assessment will be published in English and Welsh.
Risks	No implications