

Report to	Fire and Rescue Authority
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Subject	Draft Assessment of the Authority's Performance 2017-18



PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 To present for members' approval a draft assessment of North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority's performance during 2017-18 in relation to its:
 - (i) improvement and well-being objectives and its equality objectives; and
 - (ii) compliance with the relevant Welsh Language standards.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2 North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority (the Authority) is required under several different pieces of legislation to give a public account of its performance, progress and compliance with that legislation in the previous financial year. This report presents for approval a single document for publication by the end of September 2018 that meets the reporting requirements of the Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015, the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009, the Wales Equality Act 2010 (Statutory Duties) (Wales) Regulations 2011 and the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011.

RECOMMENDATION

- 3 That Members:
 - (i) approve the draft assessment of the Authority's performance during 2017-18 (subject to minor additions and corrections if required) for publication on the Authority's website by 30 September 2018; and
 - (ii) note the Service's intention to publish a leaflet for general distribution that summarises the key elements of the assessment before the end of December 2018.

INFORMATION

- 4 The Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015 requires the Authority to set and publish objectives that will contribute to improving local well-being and to moving Wales closer to achieving its well-being goals. Having set these long-term objectives, the Authority must take all reasonable steps to pursue them and to report publicly on the progress it has made after the end of each financial year.
- 5 The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 requires the Authority to set and publish improvement objectives and to publish performance information annually by 31 October in relation to the previous financial year.
- 6 The Wales Equality Act 2010 (Statutory Duties) (Wales) Regulations 2011 require Fire and Rescue Authorities in Wales to produce a strategic equality plan and to report annually by 31 March on the progress it has made towards delivering that plan in the previous financial year.
- 7 The Authority is no longer required to develop a Welsh Language Scheme but it is required through the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 to comply with Welsh Language Standards and to publish a report annually by 30 September on its compliance with those Standards.
- 8 For convenience, therefore, progress in relation to all four of the legislative requirements listed above have been combined within a single reporting document for publication by the earliest of the statutory deadlines - 30 September 2018.

IMPLICATIONS

Well-being Objectives	The Authority's first objectives set under the Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015 relate to 2017-18.
Budget	None.
Legal	The combined document discharges the Authority's duties under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009, Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015, the Equality Act 2010 and the (Statutory Duties) (Wales) Regulations 2011 and the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011
Staffing	No additional staffing implications for producing the combined document or summary leaflets.
Equalities/Human Rights/ Welsh Language	All protected characteristics are covered within the report.
Risks	Considered not relevant.