



Record of decisions taken by the North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority on Monday 21 October 2024

Agenda Item No	Topic	Resolution
1	Attendance and Apologies	<p>Councillors in attendance: Dylan Rees (Chair); Paul Cunningham (Deputy Chair); Alan Hughes; Arwyn Herald Roberts; Austin Roberts; Beverly Parry-Jones; Bryan Apsley; Carol Beard; Chrissy Gee; Dale Selvester; Gareth Jones; Gareth Roberts; Gareth Sandilands; Gwynfor Owen; John Brynmor Hughes; John Ifan Jones; Marc Jones; Mark Young; Paul Rogers; Rob Triggs; Rondo Roberts; Tina Claydon;</p> <p>Apologies: Councillors: Sharon Doleman; Chris Hughes;</p> <p>Absent: Councillors: Adele Davies-Cooke; Jeff Evans; Marion Bateman; Michelle Walker</p> <p>Also present: CFO Dawn Docx; DCFO Stewart Forshaw; ACFO Helen MacArthur; ACFO Justin Evans; AM Anthony Jones; Dafydd Edwards – Authority Treasurer; Gareth Owens – Clerk and Monitoring Officer; Steve Morris – Head of IT; Elgan Roberts – Head of Finance; Rhian Williams – Deputy Head of Corporate Communications; Euros Lake – Audit Wales; Carwyn Rees – Audit Wales; Kieran Vickery – Audit Wales; Timothy Buckle – Audit Wales; George Jones - Translator; Ellie Williams – Members Services; Lisa Allington – Members Services.</p>
2	Declarations of Interest	Two Member declared themselves to be members of the Denbighshire Planning Committee during item 9.
3	Notice of Urgent Matters	None
4	Minutes of the Fire and Rescue Authority Annual General meeting held on 15 July 2024	i) approve the FRA AGM minutes from 15 July 2024 as a true and correct record of the meeting held.

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5	Minutes of the Fire and Rescue Authority meeting held on 15 July 2024	i) approve the FRA minutes from 15 July 2024 as a true and correct record of the meeting held.
7	Chief Fire Officer's Update	i) note the information provided within the verbal update.
8	Chair's Report	i) note the information provided within the report.
9	New Training Centre Business Case	i) approve, in principle, the development of a new centralised training centre (Option 3); ii) Commit to maintaining momentum in the development of the proposals, with a focus on affordability and sustainable financing options; iii) Authorise the Chief Fire Officer to pursue capital financing options, including self-funding, Welsh Government support, income generation or collaborative opportunities with partners; and iv) Delegate authority to the Chief Fire Officer to proceed with the next steps in the project.
10	Governance of FRA by Audit Wales	i) note the information provided within the report.
11	Statement of Accounts 2023-24	i) note the audited outturn position and performance as detailed within the 2023/24 Statement of Accounts (Appendix 1); ii) note the report of the Auditor General for Wales which confirms an unqualified audit opinion (Appendix 2); iii) note the proposed letter of representation including the uncorrected mis-statement; and iv) confirm the recommendation of approval of the final audited 2023/24 Statement of Accounts.

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12	Financial Update 2024-25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) note the projected revenue underspend and the projected capital slippage for the 2024/25 financial year, as detailed within the report; and ii) note the risks associated with inflation, supply chain issues, and the legal challenge, where the nature of figures forecasted in this report are prudent.
13	Budget Setting 2025-26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) note the planning assumptions being used to develop the revenue budget for 2025/26; ii) note the remit of the Budget Scrutiny Working Group established by the Audit Committee and the proposed reporting timetable; iii) note the proposal to provide initial budget estimates to the Executive Panel at its meeting of 16 December 2023; and iv) note the proposal to seek approval for the 2025/26 revenue budget by the Authority at its meeting of 20 January 2025.
14	Annual Performance Assessment 2023-24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
15	Annual Governance Statement 2023-24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) note the governance arrangements outlined within the 2023/24 Annual Governance Statement; ii) note the forward work plan for 2024/25; and iii) approve the 2023/24 Annual Government Statement for publication on the Authority's website by 31 October 2024.
16	Welsh Language Standard 2023-24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) approve the Welsh Language Standards Annual Monitoring Report for 2023/34 for publication on the Authority's website; and ii) note the Service's intention to publicise the document as noted in Standards 155,161,167.

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17	Draft Community Risk Management Implementation Plan 25/26	i) note the content of the report; and ii) approve the draft Community Risk Management Implementation Plan 2025/26 for consultation with Fire Authority Members, staff, relevant trade unions, stakeholders and the public prior to approval at the meeting of the Fire Authority in March 2025.
18	Heating Decarbonisation Plan	i) approve the Heating Decarbonisation Plan.
19	Complaints, Public Interest disclosures and Expressions of Appreciation	i) note the contents of the report.