



AGENDA ITEM: 6

NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

19th December 2011

CHAIR'S REPORT

Report by Councillor Sharon Frobisher, Chair of the Authority

Purpose of Report

- 1 This report provides Members with information on the meetings and events attended by the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Authority in their official capacities between 8th October and 15th December 2011.

Information

- 2 Listed below are the events and meetings attended by the Chair (C) and/or Vice-Chair (VC):

10 th October	Meeting with Ieuan Wyn Jones AM (C and VC)
12 th October	Media training at HQ (C and VC)
13 th October	Tender Opening (C)
14 th October	Joint Council for Wales: Annual meeting (C)
17 th October	FRA meeting, Caernarfon followed by media interviews (C and VC)
2 nd November	"Wales in Control" Conference (C)
11 th November	Regional Leadership Board meeting (C)
15 th November	Pre-Executive Panel meeting with Unions (C and VC)
18 th November	Phoenix Ceremony of Achievement, Mold (C)
21 st November	Executive Panel meeting (C and VC)
29 th November	WLGA Fire Services Panel meeting (VC)
1 st December	Interview with Peer Assessment Team (VC)
12 th December	Carol Service (VC)

- 3 The "Wales in Control" Conference was held at the OpTic, St Asaph to showcase the system of mutual support which is now in place between the three fire and rescue control rooms in Wales. Funded via a grant from the Welsh Government, the resilience project has involved upgrading all the computer and communication systems used to process emergency 999 calls at the three fire and rescue service control rooms in Wales and linking them together. Over 100 colleagues from FRSs across the UK attended to learn more about the system which is at the very forefront of collaborative working in the UK. Feedback from the delegates in attendance was excellent and many said it was an ideal opportunity to learn from shared experiences.
- 4 Regular update meetings between the Chief Fire Officer, Chair, Vice-Chair and Deputy Chief Fire Officer were held on 13th October, 7th November, 15th November, 5th December and 15th December.

Recommendation

- 5 That Members note the information provided.