

NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY REPORT**

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PURPOSE OF REPORT:	To inform Members of the responses received to the Authority's consultation on its Integrated Risk Management Plan third year Action Plan, "Maintaining Momentum".

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In December 2002 the Deputy Prime Minister made clear that there should be a programme of reform and modernisation of the framework within which the fire and rescue service operates. A key element of that programme was the need to produce fire authority Integrated Risk Management Plans (IRMPs), and they also feature in the Fire and Rescue National Framework for Wales.

2. INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 At its meeting on 19th December 2005 North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority (NWFRA) approved, for consultation, its Integrated Risk Management third year Action Plan, "Maintaining Momentum".
- 2.2 Notification was sent to over 500 individuals/organisations drawing their attention to the consultation and its availability on the Service's website. Press releases were also issued to highlight the consultation process and the document's availability. Copies of the plan were sent to all Service establishments.
- 2.3 Briefings, in a range of formats, with a number of AMs, MPs and local councils have taken place to elaborate on the Authority's plans.
- 2.4 Given the level of interest it was decided that the closing date for consultation responses should be extended by a week, from 1st March to 8th March 2006 to ensure that every individual or organisation that wished to submit observations had ample time to respond.
- 2.5 A detailed summary of the responses received was reported to the Authority's IRMP Working Group at its meeting on 13th March 2006. A copy of that report is attached in Appendix 1 for your information.

3. **INFORMATION**

- 3.1 Prior to the IRMP Working Group meeting taking place the Welsh Assembly Government's (WAG) announced its intention to publish and launch its Risk Reduction Planning Guidance on 21st March 2006. Consequently the IRMP Working Group resolved to defer the formulation of its recommendations to the Authority on the Third Year Action Plan until the publication of the RRP and to hold a further meeting to agree its recommendations immediately before the Fire and Rescue Authority meeting on 27th March 2006.
- 3.2 Further written advice will be provided on the legal and policy framework once the Risk Reduction Planning Guidance has been issued.

4. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1 Members note the contents of the report; and
- 4.2 Subject to any recommendations and amendments from the IRMP Working Group recommend that the Fire and Rescue Authority adopts the third year action plan for 2006/07.