



AGENDA ITEM: 7

NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

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DRAFT IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2009-10 and RISK REDUCTION PLAN ACTION PLAN 2010-11

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Purpose of Report

- 1 To present North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority's draft Improvement Plan 2009-10 incorporating the Risk Reduction Plan action plan 2010-11 for approval prior to publication by 31st October 2009.

Introduction

- 2 Statutory guidance requires that fire and rescue authorities in Wales publish annually both an improvement plan for the current year and a risk reduction plan / action plan for the forthcoming year by 31st October.
- 3 Published guidance includes an expectation that improvement plans will include:
 - a summary of the Authority's strategic objectives
 - a commentary on performance in the previous reporting year, highlighting progress towards key objectives and the extent to which key risks have been addressed
 - performance information for the previous year, including audited national strategic indicator data and targets (if relevant) and other indicator data illustrating progress towards the authority's key objectives and/or alleviation of key risks
 - a summary of the most recent joint risk assessment
 - a summary of the key issues for improvement
 - details of where to obtain further information

Information

- 4 The attached draft publication meets the statutory requirements for this year's Improvement Plan. Final approval is required by the Authority before publication.
- 5 Unlike in previous years, the 2010-11 Risk Reduction Plan annual action plan is a continuation of the 2009-10 actions. These were consulted upon during the summer of 2008. The consultation during the summer of 2009 will support the development of the next Risk Reduction Plan for consultation during the summer of 2010.
- 6 In accordance with the guidance, a public summary of the improvement plan will be published before the end of November and distributed throughout North Wales thereafter.

Recommendations

- 7 That Members:
 - (i) note the requirement to publish an Improvement Plan for 2009-10 and Risk Reduction Plan Action Plan for 2010-11 before 31st October 2009; and
 - (ii) approve the draft Improvement Plan 2009-10 incorporating the Risk Reduction Plan Action Plan 2010-11 for publication by 31st October 2009.