

## NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

### FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT

DATE:	20 <sup>th</sup> December 2004
REPORT BY:	<b>CHIEF FIRE OFFICER</b>
PURPOSE OF REPORT:	Members to discuss the request that all retiring Fire Authority Members should be presented with the Fire Authority's official shield.

#### 1. **INFORMATION**

- 1.1 At the Executive Panel meeting of the Fire Authority held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2004, under Notice of Urgent Matters, a member submitted for consideration that the official North Wales Fire Authority shield be presented to past Authority Members.
- 1.2 After discussion, members resolved that a report should be submitted to this meeting listing the proposed criteria to be met and the protocols to be adhered to for the presentations of the official shield to retiring Fire Authority members.

#### 2. **INFORMATION**

- 2.1 The current shield, costing around £18, consists of the Authority's Coat of Arms and has the inscription of "North Wales Fire and Rescue Service". They are currently presented to Service personnel by the Chief Fire Officer's as a mark of recognition for long service.
- 2.2 The Chief Fire Officer currently awards the shield to:
  - Personnel who are retiring having completed 30 years service;
  - Personnel who have completed 25 years and over who are retiring on medical grounds; and
  - Personnel who have completed the maximum service possible before being compulsory retired on account of age.

### **3. CONSIDERATIONS**

- 3.1 Members would wish to consider on what occasion, if any, they would wish a shield to be presented to retiring members and what is considered as "retirement".

#### Retirement

It is suggested that a shield should be presented to any member who

- (a) has served a minimum of 4 years as a member of the fire authority.
  - (b) ceases to be a member of the fire authority for any reason, but not including disqualification from being a member under section 79 of the Local Government Act 2000.
  - (c) has not been subject to censure or suspension for breach of the code of conduct in respect of his or her service as a member of the fire authority.
- 3.2 Once members have agreed the parameters, presentations of the shields should be made by the Chair at the first Annual General Meeting of the Authority following the Elections.
- 3.3 That a shield for the specific use of the Fire Authority with the inscription "North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority" should be provided.

### **4. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1 Consider the report that shields are presented to retiring Fire Authority members; and
- 4.2 Agree the eligibility of the award of a shield.