



AGENDA ITEM: 6

NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE PANEL

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First draft Combined Improvement and Risk Reduction Plan 2009-12 and associated consultation document

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Purpose of Report

- 1 To present for Members' approval the first draft Combined Improvement and Risk Reduction Plan 2009-12 and associated consultation document and questionnaire.

Background

- 2 In 2006 the Welsh Assembly Government (WAG) issued guidance on Risk Reduction Planning (RRP) with the aim of providing a structured approach to managing corporate and community risk.
- 3 In 2008 the WAG published an updated Fire and Rescue National Framework that reiterated the need for Fire and Rescue Authorities to prepare, publicly consult on, and publish for each financial year their own RRP/annual action plan by 31 October of each year.
- 4 Section 2 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 requires Welsh improvement authorities to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement.
- 5 Section 3 requires Welsh improvement authorities to set themselves improvement objectives.

- 6 Section 5 requires Welsh improvement authorities to consult representatives of residents, non-domestic rates-payers, users or potential users of the service and people with an interest in the area 'for the purpose of deciding how to fulfil' the general duty to continuously improve and the specific duty to set themselves improvement objectives.
- 7 The Fire and Rescue Authorities (Improvement Plans) (Wales) Order 2010 requires Welsh improvement authorities to publish their improvement plan as soon as reasonably practicable after 30 September of the year prior to the financial year to which it relates. To tie in with the RRP publication timetable, this has been interpreted as 31 October each year.

Introduction

- 8 Building on previous RRP processes including last year's public consultation, a sub-group of the Authority's RRP Working Group has been developing draft risk reduction objectives for public consultation over the summer of 2010.
- 9 At the meeting of the full Authority in March 2010, members approved the development of risk reduction objectives relating to sustainability, equality and diversity and business continuity management that would form part of the Authority's draft Combined Improvement and Risk Reduction Plan 2009-12.
- 10 A second draft Combined Improvement and Risk Reduction Plan 2009-12 and associated public consultation document, will be presented for approval to the full Authority at its June 2010 meeting. Following a period of consultation, a third draft (incorporating amendments if required) will be presented to the Authority at its October 2010 meeting for final approval to publish by 31 October.

Information

- 11 The first draft Combined Improvement and Risk Reduction Plan will be available at the meeting. Because of the timescales involved, out-turn figures for 2009/10 are still in the process of

being compiled – these will be incorporated as soon as they become available.

- 12 The first draft Consultation Document is attached at Appendix 1. Further formatting and additional standard information will be incorporated into the second draft for the full Authority meeting in June.

Recommendation

- 13 Members are invited to consider the first draft documents and agree any additions and amendments for the production of the second draft to be presented to the full Fire and Rescue Authority meeting in June 2010.