



AGENDA ITEM: 14

NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

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INVOLVEMENT WITH LOCAL SERVICE BOARDS

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Purpose of Report

- 1 To inform Members of North Wales Fire and Rescue Service's involvement in Local Service Boards (LSBs) and to seek support in progressing this joint work.

Background

- 2 Local Service Boards have been established to enable local public service leadership to be more effective in responding to citizens. The aim is to improve local services for citizens by pooling resources and removing bureaucracy or other obstacles.
- 3 Membership includes key leaders from across public, third and private sectors working as equal partners, taking joint responsibility for connecting the whole network of public services within their area. The work of the LSB will be based on the needs of the area's community and, from this the Boards will agree and ensure delivery of a set of priority joint actions to achieve this. These actions will be expressed as Local Delivery Agreements.

Information

- 4 In order to facilitate our work, it has been decided that a Principal Officer will be assigned to each of the LSBs in North Wales.
- 5 The Chief Fire Officer is a member of the Flintshire LSB meetings and his nominated representative, the local County Safety Manager, attends the meetings. Current topics are community strategy, carbon reduction project and the volunteering scheme.
- 6 The Deputy Chief Fire Officer has been involved in the approving of the community strategy for Wrexham and is taking the lead on performance management.
- 7 ACFO Simmons attends Denbighshire LSB meetings and has participated in discussions on local delivery agreements. The group has also submitted a response to the consultation paper on Delivering the new NHS for Wales. Denbighshire LSB has been recognised in the Assembly's LSB newsletter for its work on participatory budgeting and the "Ceri's Family" initiative has been nominated for a Local Government Chronicle Award under the Health and Wellbeing category.
- 8 ACFO Hanks has attended Gwynedd LSB meetings and participated in discussions on strategic objectives including reduction of carbon footprint and health delivery.
- 9 ACFO Claydon will be attending future meetings of the Conwy LSB.

Recommendation

- 10 Members are asked to note the above information.