



## **AGENDA ITEM: 7**

### **NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

**15<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

#### **2009 Consultation on Risk Reduction Plan (RRP)**

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#### **Purpose of Report**

- 1 To present for members' approval the draft 2009 RRP Consultation document.

#### **Background**

- 2 In 2006 the Welsh Assembly Government (WAG) issued guidance on Risk Reduction Planning with the aim of providing a structured approach to managing both corporate and community risk.
- 3 In 2007 the WAG issued updated guidance on the Wales Programme for Improvement for Fire and Rescue Authorities (FRAs) in which it defined risk as being '*...any potential development or occurrence which, if it came to fruition would jeopardise the FRA's ability to achieve its strategic aims, provide services as planned, and fulfil its statutory duties...'*
- 4 In 2008 the WAG published an updated Fire and Rescue National Framework that reiterated the need for FRAs to prepare, publicly consult on, and publish for each financial year their own RRP/annual action plan by 31 October of each year.

## **Introduction**

- 5 North Wales FRA has published annual action plans for each year following the publication of its full RRP for 2007-08.
- 6 Its annual action plan for 2009-10 included a proposal to: "Establish a small working group...to undertake a review into whether the standards of fire cover are right for the risks within the community; and whether the Service has the right resources available in the right places to respond to those risks effectively. The findings of this Working Group will form the basis of the Authority's next full Risk Reduction Plan (in 2010-11)".
- 7 Members resolved in June 2008 not to wait until the 2009-10 year, but to start that work sooner, given the large amount of work associated with the task.

## **Information**

- 8 A Fire Cover and Risk Review Working Group was established and met regularly between November 2008 and March 2009, and made its recommendations to the RRP Working Group on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2009. A draft RRP consultation document was considered by the Executive Panel later that same day, and is appended for approval by the full authority for consultation over the summer of 2009.
- 9 The response to the consultation will support the Authority in setting its strategic direction for risk reduction planning during 2010-11, leading to the development of a full risk reduction action plan for consultation over the summer of 2010.
- 10 The 2010-11 RRP annual action plan would, in effect, be a carry-forward of action plans that have already been consulted upon and agreed, together with any relevant issues identified through the 2009-10 Joint Risk Assessment.
- 11 The draft consultation document is attached at appendix 1, and contains four specific topics for consideration regarding: working with

young people, the retained duty system, co-responding schemes and approaches to making efficiencies.

## **Recommendation**

12 That Members:

- (i) note and approve the intention to continue with, and consolidate, previously agreed RRP action plans during 2010-11;
- (ii) note and approve the intention to consult stakeholders about four fundamental principles (RRP topics) over the summer of 2009, to guide the work of risk reduction planning during 2010-11 for publication in an RRP action plan by 31 October 2010; and
- (iii) approve the consultation document (appendix 1) for immediate publication and distribution.