



AGENDA ITEM: 8

NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE PANEL

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JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE PROJECT (JPSCP) – UPDATE

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Purpose of Report

- 1 This paper is to advise Members of the Joint Public Service Centre Project and to highlight North Wales Fire and Rescue Service's involvement.

Background

- 2 The aim of the Joint Public Service Centre project is to merge the two fire control teams of Mid and West Wales and South Wales Fire and Rescue Services and to relocate the newly merged team to the South Wales Police emergency control room at Bridgend. This is to be known as the Public Service Centre. There is also the aspiration that the Welsh Ambulance Trust (WAST) will co-locate to this facility once the project goes live in April 2016.

Information

- 3 The JPSC project was formally launched in April 2014. The Welsh Government subsequently confirmed that an Invest-to-Save bid of £3 million towards the costs had been successful. Since this time the project team has set up the governance structure and work is ongoing to develop the relevant legal contracts and agreements.

- 4 The project has seven key task areas relating to specific activities within the main project reporting bi-monthly to the Strategic Project Leadership Group and Project Board. The key task areas that are most risk critical for North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority are:
- The Command and Control System work stream aims to procure a new Command and Control system for both the JPSC and the Joint Communications Centre in North Wales. In order to mitigate this risk an officer from North Wales Fire and Rescue Service has been seconded to lead this work stream. He brings to the project his extensive experience of procuring the command and control system for the Joint Communication Centre in North Wales.
 - Business Continuity - In order to progress this work regular meetings are being held to explore the planning assumptions across the blue light services. North Wales Fire and Rescue Service's interests are being monitored by the Senior Control and Business Continuity Manager.

Recommendation

- 5 That Members note the progress of the Joint Public Services Centre Project.