



AGENDA ITEM: 15

NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

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Gold Command Policy

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Purpose of Report

- 1 To inform Members of the Service's policy to provide Gold Command support at major incidents and emergencies.

Background

- 2 During major incidents and emergencies effective strategic leadership is essential within the incident command system. In order to provide this Principal Officers will undertake the role of Gold Commander (Fire) where the nature of the incident deems this level of strategic support and advice is necessary.
- 3 Response to such incidents will be achieved through the mobilisation of the duty Principal Officer. Support will be provided by other members of the Service as part of the Gold Command Team.

Information

- 4 The Gold Command policy identifies the roles and responsibilities of all attending NWFRS personnel.
- 5 It provides a clear development and maintenance of competence path. Initial training and ongoing assessments are identified at local, regional and national level to ensure Gold Commanders (Fire) are fully equipped with the essential skills, knowledge and understanding required to fulfil this role.

Recommendation

- 6 That Members note the information and formalisation of the Gold Command (Fire) policy.