



AGENDA ITEM: 8

NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE PANEL

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STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER

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Purpose of Report

- 1 To provide information to members about the Strategic Risk Register.

Introduction

- 2 The Authority's adopted Strategic Risk Management Policy defines strategic risk as "an event that, should it occur, would impact on the achievement of the Authority's planned outcomes and/or the delivery of its core functions".
- 3 Under this policy, the Executive Panel receives a summary report on strategic risks at least twice a year and between times the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority are able to view the full detail of the register with officers.
- 4 The Strategic Risk Register records current and future risk levels after planned countermeasures have been implemented.
- 5 Risk levels are based on an evaluation of the likelihood that something might happen and the consequences if it did. Descriptions are provided for information at Appendix 1.

Information

- 6 Members received a report at the February 2016 meeting of the Executive Panel that summarised the contents of the strategic risk register at that time.
- 7 It was anticipated that, with planned countermeasures, the risk level of the majority of the identified risks - ranging from 'very high' to 'medium low' - would be reduced.
- 8 It was acknowledged that some identified risks (e.g. the risk of a workplace death or serious injury of a member of staff) would remain at the same risk level even after planned countermeasures.
- 9 Since then, countermeasures have been planned and implemented with the aim of reducing or avoiding increases in risk level.
- 10 Members were informed at the February 2016 meeting that the two highest risks at that time related to: attack on the Service's computer systems; and the Service's level of resilience to a sudden loss of staff with specialist knowledge and/or experience of NWFRA business. Both these risks remain in the 'very high' category of risk.
- 11 Officers continue to review and update the risk register, adding, removing and re-scoring risks as appropriate. A summary of the latest register entries will be provided at the meeting.

Recommendation

- 12 That members note the information provided about the strategic risks that the Authority faces.

Appendix 1

Risk analysis

LIKELIHOOD D	5 Almost certain	5	10	15	20	25
	4 Likely	4	8	12	16	20
	3 Possible	3	6	9	12	15
	2 Unlikely	2	4	6	8	10
	1 Very unlikely	1	2	3	4	5
		1 Insignificant	2 Minor	3 Moderate	4 Significant	5 Major
		CONSEQUENCE				

Risk priority scale

Value	Priority scale
20-25	Very high - risk is intolerably high
12-16	High - risk is substantial
8-10	Medium high - risk is moderate
4-6	Medium low - risk is tolerable
1-3	Low