



AGENDA ITEM: 6

NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

20th June 2011

CHAIR'S REPORT

Report by Councillor Sharon Frobisher, Chair of the Authority

Purpose of Report

- 1 This report provides Members with information on the meetings and events attended by the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Authority in their official capacities between 22nd March and 20th June 2011.

Information

- 2 Listed below are the events and meetings attended by the Chair (C) and/or Vice-Chair (VC):

25 th March	Phoenix II, Llanfairfechan
4 th April	Opening Tender (C)
14 th April	Meeting with Independent Remuneration Panel (C)
15 th April	Phoenix II, Mold
6 th May	Pre-Executive Panel meeting with Unions (C and VC)
9 th May	Executive Panel meeting (C and VC)
13 th May	Phoenix, Chirk
20 th May	Phoenix, Abergele
3 rd June	WLGA Fire and Rescue Panel Meeting via video conference (C and VC)
6 th June	Meeting with Wales Audit Office regarding Corporate Assessment (C)
7 th June	RRP Working Group (C and VC)
10 th June	Phoenix, Amlwch (C and VC)

- 3 On 14th April, the Chair and Cllr W P Roberts met with representatives from the Independent Remuneration Panel to discuss remuneration issues for Fire and Rescue Authorities in Wales. The current arrangements for determining allowances are due to change when the proposed Local Government (Wales) Measure is made later this year. The Measure will extend the Panel's powers and remit to include the determination of allowances for members of National Park Authorities and Fire and Rescue Authorities. The Panel was therefore interested in discussing the merits and limitations of the current allowances arrangements and which areas should be subject to review. A similar meeting was held in 2009 with the Chair and Vice-Chair. The outcome of their work is expected later in the year.
- 4 At the WLGA Fire and Rescue Panel meeting, the following issues were discussed: FRS Advisor, Assembly Elections and Ministerial Appointments, Comprehensive Spending Review Commitments and Impacts on FRS; Budgets; Simpson Review; All Wales Members' Development Group.
- 5 Regular update meetings between the Chief Fire Officer, Chair, Vice-Chair and Deputy Chief Fire Officer were held on 15th April, 6th May, 26th May and 17th June.

Recommendation

- 6 That Members note the information provided.