



AGENDA ITEM: 6

NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE PANEL

15th November 2007

NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2007-08

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Purpose of Report

- 1.** To present the Authority's amended Improvement Plan 2007-08 to members for approval.

Background

- 2.** At the Authority's meeting on 15th October 2007, Members took the decision that the draft Improvement Plan 2007-08 should remain available on the Authority's website, but that they would delegate powers to the Executive Panel to fully approve the plan, having discussed it in more detail at their next meeting on 15th November.
- 3.** Partly because of disruption to postal services during industrial action at the time, Members had not received a copy of the draft plan until the day of the meeting. The decision to defer a discussion about the plan until 15th November gave members more time to read and consider its contents, and to submit comments or proposals for amendments to officers before 31st October.
- 4.** Moreover, as the Wales Audit Office would not be beginning their audit of the draft plan until 19th October, this would allow members of the Executive Panel to be informed of any amendments arising from that audit.



Introduction

- 5.** For this year's Improvement Plan, the August 2007 version of the WPI draft guidance has been used; performance in 2006-07 is shown against the previous Best Value Performance Indicators; and a description of how performance will be assessed in 2007-08 is based on the latest version of the pre-consultation draft indicators. The draft Improvement Plan 2007-08 is appended for Members' approval.

Information

- 6.** No comments were received from Members before 31st October. However, the version viewed by Members on 15th October 2007 has been updated to reflect:
 - the decision taken by the Authority in relation to the Risk Reduction Plan 2008-09;
 - a small number of adjustments to the text;
 - an additional appendix to show the figures reported in Section 2 of the document as calculated BVPIs;
 - the addition of a map of the Authority area.

For Members' convenience, the new and amended parts of the plan are printed in red.

- 7.** Members of the Executive Panel will be informed of any further amendments following audit as these become known.

Recommendation

- 8.** That Members approve the draft Improvement Plan 2007-08 for adoption and publication.