



AGENDA ITEM: 9

NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

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Combined Improvement Plan (IP) and Risk Reduction Plan (RRP) 2009-12

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Purpose of Report

- 1 To present for members' approval the draft Combined Improvement and Risk Reduction Plan 2009-12.

Background

- 2 Fire and Rescue Authorities (FRAs) are required to prepare, publicly consult on, and publish annually an RRP and/or annual action plan by 31 October in the year before the year to which it relates. This is in accordance with the Welsh Assembly Government's current Fire and Rescue National Framework.
- 3 FRAs are also required to prepare, publicly consult on and publish annually an Improvement Plan as soon as reasonably practicable after 30 September in the year before the year to which it relates. This is in accordance with the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 and the Fire and Rescue Authorities (Improvement Plans) (Wales) Order 2010.
- 4 FRAs are also required to publish performance information relating to each financial year by 31 October in the year after the year to which the information relates. This is in accordance with the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009.

- 5 Guidance from the Welsh Assembly Government notes that the timings of these publications suggest that it would be convenient to produce one plan containing a report of the previous financial year, a summary of agreed objectives in the current year, and the improvement plan and any additional RRP objectives for the following financial year.

Introduction

- 6 A draft combined IP and RRP covering the period of 2009-2012 was approved by the Authority at its meeting in June 2010. This second draft incorporated unaudited provisional data and draft risk reduction objectives for April 2011 onwards. It was noted that Officers would be adding information to the second draft plan throughout the consultation period to produce a third draft plan for approval by the Authority at its October 2010 meeting.
- 7 Members also approved the content of a consultation document presenting draft improvement/risk reduction objectives, and were informed that after the close of the consultation period, the Executive Panel would be asked to consider the responses received and to make a recommendation to the full Authority about the eventual content of the combined plan

Information

- 8 In light of the responses received, the Executive Panel resolved at its meeting on 20 September 2010 to recommend to the full Authority that the proposed improvement and risk reduction objectives as drafted should form the basis of the final Combined Improvement and Risk Reduction Plan in 2011-12.
- 9 The third draft of the Combined Plan 2009-12 has now been prepared and is attached at appendix 1.

Recommendations

- 10 That Members approve the third draft Combined Improvement and Risk Reduction Plan 2009-12 for adoption and publication before the statutory deadline of 31 October 2010.