



AGENDA ITEM: 11

NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE PANEL

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Membership of the Risk Reduction Planning Working Group

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Purpose of Report

- 1 To request nominations for membership of the RRP Working Group.
- 2 To confirm the purpose of the Working Group.

Background

- 3 The RRP Working Group was originally established in 2006 to:

“receive and analyse the observations received in response to the public consultation on the Authority’s RRP for 2007/08, and to formulate a recommendation to the Fire and Rescue Authority in relation to the adoption of the Plan, and the terms of the Authority’s response to the comments received”.

- 4 Establishing a Working Group meant that all members of the Executive Panel could meet informally to discuss RRP issues. The Working Group continued to meet on an annual basis up until 2008 when the RRP working group, with the support of the Executive Panel, established a sub-Working Group called “Fire Cover and Risk Review”. Membership was as follows: Councillors S Frobisher, A M Jones, B Dunn, T Evans, T Roberts and W P Roberts).

- 5 The sub-Working Group met every two to three weeks for a period of three months in the lead up to the drafting of the consultation document, to map and analyse risks and also consider resources available in order to inform the Risk Reduction Plan and the related consultation document.
- 6 In addition, because of the severe economic situation, a small Budget Development Working Group was also established in 2010 to discuss budget options in detail before recommendations were submitted to the Executive Panel and subsequently the Authority. Its membership was the same as the sub-working group apart from Cllr J V Owen represented Anglesey rather than Cllr A M Jones.
- 7 Progress reports from the working group have regularly been provided to the Executive Panel and all its decisions ratified by the Executive Panel.

Information

- 8 Given the information in agenda item 10, there is no need to reconvene the RRP Working Group in order to work on the latest objectives for public consultation. However, because of the need to reduce the budget by a further £1million in cash terms it is proposed to convene a Working Group to work through the various options that were stated in the Budget Reduction Options Booklet. This will enable Members to understand the full implications of the financial effects and the risks involved in those options which will then assist the Executive Panel in making an informed decision during the budget setting process in the Autumn.

Recommendation

- 9 The Executive Panel is asked to:
 - (i) confirm the role of the new Working Group;
 - (ii) decide on the number of members required for the working group; and
 - (iii) nominate members for the working group.
- 10 Members are asked to note that it is expected that the working group will meet regularly from June until November.