

Agenda Item: 7

NORTH WALES FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

COMMITTEE:	EXECUTIVE PANEL
DATE:	18 MAY 2006
REPORT OF:	TREASURER
SUBJECT:	AMENDMENTS TO FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND CONTRACT STANDING ORDERS

1. A report on 'A Proposed Merger of NWFRS Estates Department with North Wales Police Facilities Management Department' was submitted to the meeting of the Executive Panel on 13 March 2006. One of the recommendations in the report was that the Treasurer examines any consequential effects on Financial Regulations and Contract Standing Orders.
2. The current position is that the Audit Section from Conwy CBC will be undertaking a full review of the Fire Service's Financial Regulations and Contract Standing Orders later in the year. In order to avoid duplication of work and given the timescales involved any changes as a result of the merger will be incorporated at the time of the full review. The merger is proposed for 5 June 2006 and as an interim measure it is proposed that the following be approved:
 - All contracts carried out in the name of NWFRS by the new Estates Department be subject to the current Financial Regulations and Contract Standing Orders except where the new Estates department can benefit from the collaboration, eg. negotiating one contract for both the Police and Fire Estates. Under these circumstances the contract would be outside the scope of the current NWFRS Financial Regulations and Contract Standing Orders but would be subject to similar regulations governing the North Wales Police Estates Department.
3. **RECOMMENDATIONS**
 - i) All contracts carried out in the name of NWFRS by the new Estates Department are subject to the current Financial Regulations and Contract Standing Orders.
 - ii) Any contracts that are undertaken as part of the collaborative arrangement are deemed to be outside the scope of the NWFRS current Financial Regulations and Contract Standing Orders.

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Treasurer

27 April 2006