



## **AGENDA ITEM: 6**

### **NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

**19<sup>th</sup> June 2006**

#### **INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN – THIRD YEAR ACTION PLAN**

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#### **Purpose of Report**

1. To inform Members of the recommendations of the Executive Panel following the conclusion of consultation on “Maintaining Momentum” the Fire and Rescue Authority’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Integrated Risk Management Plan 2006/2007.

#### **Introduction**

2. In December 2002 the Deputy Prime Minister made clear that there should be a programme of reform and modernisation of the framework within which the fire and rescue service operates. A key element of that programme was the need to produce fire and rescue authority Integrated Risk Management Plans (IRMPs).
3. From the 2007/2008 financial year IRMP has been replaced by Risk Reduction Planning which was launched by the Welsh Assembly Government on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2006. Consequently the 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Action Plan proposals are still appropriate and relevant for the fire and rescue service for this financial year.



## **Introduction** *(continued)*

4. Members of the Executive Panel met on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2006 to review the 39 responses to the draft 3<sup>rd</sup> Year IRMP Action Plan received following the public consultation period which concluded after an extended deadline of 8<sup>th</sup> March 2006.
5. The purpose of this paper is to note the Executive Panel's proposed amendments for inclusion in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Year IRMP Action Plan following their review of the responses and subject to acceptance of the proposed amendments adopt "Maintaining Momentum" as the Authority's 3<sup>rd</sup> Year plan.

## **Proposed Amendments**

6. The proposed amendments relate to the Action Plan – Point 1 Year 3, which covered the implementation of the findings from the Special Appliance review.
7. Action Plan – Point 1 Year 3

That the section on Dual Role Appliances will be amended to state – ***This will see the introduction of six specifically designed dual role appliances being introduced into the Service with a further four appliances being modified to become dual role appliances. These appliances to be strategically located across North Wales to provide a 30 minute attendance standard. In addition, enquiries will be made on the availability of financial resources that would, in the long term, enable the Authority, based on risk, to extend the provision of dual role appliances to other stations across North Wales.***



### **Proposed Amendments** *(continued)*

That the section on Emergency Tenders will be amended to state – ***It is proposed to upgrade all hydraulic rescue equipment carried on front line fire engines. This upgrade to be undertaken on a risk assessed basis and followed by the staged removal of two Emergency Tenders (ETs). On the completion of this phase the remaining two ETs to be upgraded to become Special Rescue Units (SRUs).***

That the section on aerial appliances will be amended to state – ***We will adopt a 20 minute attendance standard for aerial appliances and, as a result, the current provision of four appliances will be retained, with the position to be reviewed in twelve months.***

8. The Executive Panel recommends that the remaining six points be approved as drafted.
9. The Executive Panel also requested details of the financial implications and the preparatory work that would be required in the near future in the lead up to the commissioning of a new aerial appliance.
10. The process of commissioning a new aerial appliance ready for 2008 to replace Bangor's turntable ladder will require a very strict timetable:-
  - Consultation and agreement on the specification by November 2006.
  - A tendering process and award of a contract by the end of January 2007.
  - Delivery of the chassis by the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007.
  - Followed by twelve months of body construction to complete the vehicle ready for 2008.



### **Proposed Amendments** *(continued)*

The fleet manager has advised that there is no possibility of extending the service life of the turntable ladder beyond 2008. The cost of the tendering process is £700.

- 11.** The commitment to purchase a replacement aerial appliance will therefore have to be made before the further review recommended by the Executive Panel.

In practical terms, as the procurement process would have already commenced it would mean that, even if the review proposed changes to the number of aerial appliances:

- a) such changes would not be implemented before 2012 when the next appliance after Bangor falls due for replacement.
- b) there would be a financial impact were the Authority to withdraw from the procurement process once commenced. The extent would be dependent on how far the process had gone at the time of withdrawal.

### **Recommendations**

- 12.** Consider the Executive Panel's proposed amendments and subject to their inclusion adopt "Maintaining Momentum" as the Authority's 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Action Plan.