



## **AGENDA ITEM: 7**

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

**17<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

#### **IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

**Report by Shân Morris, Corporate Planning Manager**

#### **Purpose of Report**

- 1 To finalise the Panel's recommendations to the Fire and Rescue Authority in view of the Improvement Plan Working Group's proposals for the Authority's future Improvement Objectives.

#### **Introduction**

- 2 The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 requires Welsh improvement authorities to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement and to set Improvement Objectives every year, having first consulted on those objectives with representatives of interested parties.
- 3 At its meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> July 2012 the Executive Panel agreed the membership of an Improvement Plan (IP) Working Group, and approved a timetable for compiling and publishing the Authority's Improvement Plan for 2013-14 to comply with relevant regulations. The details of this timetable are repeated for information at Appendix 1.

#### **Information**

- 4 Since the last Executive Panel meeting, the IP Working Group has met on four occasions to consider information and discuss the development of the Authority's 2013-14 Improvement Objectives. It has also considered how work could progress to support the development of future Improvement Objectives.

- 5 At its meeting on the morning of the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2012, the IP Working Group will be asked to decide what recommendations it will make to the Executive Panel as regards the Improvement Objectives for 2013-14 and any other preparatory work to feed into future Improvement Objectives.

### **Recommendation**

- 6 Members are asked to:
- i) note the verbal report, which will be provided at the Executive Panel meeting, from the IP Working Group on its recommendations for the Authority's Improvement Objectives;
  - ii) confirm the proposals to be recommended to the full Fire and Rescue Authority at its meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2012 as regards:
    - a) the Authority's 2013-14 Improvement Objectives; and
    - b) any preparatory work to be undertaken to support the development of the Authority's Improvement Objectives in future years.

**Summary Timetable  
Production of the Improvement Plan 2013-14**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Action</b>
July 2012	Executive Panel agrees the membership of the Improvement Plan (IP) Working Group.
July - Sept 2012	Meetings of the IP Working Group to develop the 2013-14 objectives.
September 2012	Executive Panel considers the recommendations of the IP Working Group as regards the 2013-14 objectives.
October 2012	<p>Full Fire and Rescue Authority considers the recommendations of the Executive Panel and approves the draft Improvement Objectives for public consultation.</p> <p>Consultation period to be decided - 10 weeks = 24/12/12. 12 weeks = 7/1/13.</p>
November 2012	Executive Panel considers a draft budget for 2013-14.
December 2012	Full Fire and Rescue Authority considers a draft budget 2013-14.
February 2013	Executive Panel considers the consultation responses and finalises the IP in the context of the budget for 2013-14, for recommendation to the full Fire and Rescue Authority.
March 2013	Full Fire and Rescue Authority gives final approval of the 2013-14 budget and IP for publication before 31 March 2013.