



AGENDA ITEM: 6

NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

18th March 2013

CHAIR'S REPORT

Report by Councillor Aled Morris Jones, Chair of the Authority

Purpose of Report

- 1 This report provides Members with information on the meetings and events attended by the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority in their official capacities between January and March 2013.

Information

- 2 Listed below are the events and meetings attended by the Chair (C) and/or Deputy Chair (DC):

11 th January	Regional Leadership Board (special meeting), Ruthin (C)
25 th January	Meeting with Janet Finch-Saunders AM, Llandudno (C and DC)
1 st February	Regional Leadership Board, Wrexham (C)
4 th February	Meeting with Llyr Huws Gruffydd AM, Wrexham (C and DC)
6 th February	Meeting with the Minister, Chairs and Chief Fire Officers, Cardiff (C)
8 th February	Meeting with Alun Ffred Jones AM, Caernarfon (DC)
14 th February	Meeting with Ann Jones AM, HQ (C and DC)
22 nd February	Meeting with Ken Skates AM, Llangollen (DC)

22 nd February	Meeting with Lesley Griffiths AM, Wrexham (C)
1 st March	Meeting with Darren Millar AM and Mark Isherwood AM, HQ (C and DC)
5 th March	Regional Leadership Board (special meeting), St Asaph (DC)
8 th March	Meeting with Sandy Mewies AM, Flint (C)
12 th -13 th March	Attend LGA Fire Exhibition and Conference, Brighton (C)

- 3 In addition, both the Chair and Deputy Chair have attended all scheduled meetings of the Authority, Executive Panel and Improvement Plan Working Group.
- 4 Regular meetings are held with the Chief Fire Officer and Deputy Chief Fire Officer. These meetings were held on 16/01/13; 29/01/13; 25/02/13 and 8/3/13.
- 5 The Chair or Deputy Chair have attended the Phoenix ceremonies of achievement at the end of each course. These events were held at various stations across North Wales on 25/01/13, 22/02/13, 01/03/13 and 15/03/13.
- 6 The Chair and Deputy Chair together with the Chief Fire Officer and Deputy Chief Fire Officer issued an invite to all Assembly Members for North Wales to meet with them to discuss future issues for the North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority. These meetings have been well-received with a majority of AMs accepting the invitation.
- 7 The Chair and the Deputy Chief Fire Officer attended the LGA Fire Exhibition and Conference in Brighton. Items on the agenda included: the financial future of the fire and rescue service, an address from the Minister and Shadow Minister for Communities and Local Government and discussions around sprinklers and the challenges of unifying the eight fire authorities in Scotland.

Recommendation

- 8 That Members note the information provided.