



## **AGENDA ITEM: 9**

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

**17<sup>th</sup> October 2011**

#### **Combined Improvement Plan (IP) and Risk Reduction Plan (RRP) 2010-13**

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#### **Purpose of Report**

- 1 To present for members' approval the draft Combined Improvement and Risk Reduction Plan 2010-11 to 2012-13.

#### **Background**

- 2 Fire and Rescue Authorities (FRAs) are required to prepare, publicly consult on, and publish annually an RRP/annual action plan by 31 October in the year before the year to which it relates. This is in accordance with the Welsh Government's most recent Fire and Rescue National Framework.
- 3 FRAs are required to prepare, publicly consult on and publish annually an Improvement Plan as soon as reasonably practicable after 30 September in the year before the year to which it relates. This is in accordance with the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 and the Fire and Rescue Authorities (Improvement Plans) (Wales) Order 2010.
- 4 FRAs are also required to publish performance information relating to each financial year by 31 October in the year after the year to which the information relates. This is in accordance with the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009.

- 5 Guidance from the Welsh Government notes that the timings of these publications suggest the convenience of producing one plan containing a report of the previous financial year, a summary of agreed objectives in the current year, and the improvement plan and any additional RRP objectives for the following financial year.
- 6 The Authority's combined Improvement and Risk Reduction Plan 2009-12 was published in October 2010. Twenty-one actions arose out of the seven objectives contained within the plan, several of which would take more than one year to achieve.

## **Introduction**

- 7 At its meeting in June 2011, the Authority resolved to ratify the Executive Panel's decisions that the content of the next Combined Improvement and Risk Reduction Plan should remain largely unchanged, and that the public consultation over the summer of 2011 should reflect that.

## **Information**

- 8 56 responses were received to the public consultation, with the majority being supportive of the objectives being proposed. In light of this response, the Executive Panel resolved at its meeting on 19 September 2011 to recommend to the full Authority that the proposed improvement and risk reduction objectives as drafted should form the basis of the final Combined Improvement and Risk Reduction Plan in 2012-13.
- 9 A draft of the Combined Plan 2010-13 has now been prepared and is attached at appendix 1.
- 10 Final accuracy checks will be undertaken, and some additional information will need to be written into the Plan prior to publication on 31 October 2011, notably:
  - references to the all-Wales comparative data that is expected to be published by the Welsh Government on 14 October 2011; and
  - outline service plans for 2012-13 based on decisions taken at this meeting of the Authority.

## **Recommendation**

- 10 That Members approve the draft Combined Improvement and Risk Reduction Plan 2010-13 for completion, adoption and publication before the statutory deadline of 31 October 2011.