

NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT

DATE:	15 th December 2003
REPORT BY:	CHIEF FIRE OFFICER
PURPOSE OF REPORT:	To request the Fire Authority confirms the recommendations of the Executive Panel following the review of the statutory appointments and service level agreements.

1. **INFORMATION**

- 1.1 At the Fire Authority meeting held on the 16th June 2003, it was resolved that the Executive Panel undertake a review of the statutory appointments and service level agreements and report its recommendations to the December 2003 Fire Authority meeting.
- 1.2 The Executive Panel at its meeting, on the 27th October 2003, considered the review which was undertaken by the Chief Fire Officer and recommended that the statutory appointments and the service level agreements remain with the present providers.

2. **SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS**

- 2.1 The service level agreements for financial services, firefighters pensions and legal services were reviewed and the Executive Panel were satisfied with all the agreements. They have been updated and do not involve any significant changes. These agreements will be for a further four years commencing from the 1st April 2004, and will be reviewed each year in line with the Retail Price Index (RPI) or, in the case of the element for fees, in line with the average percentage pay award for local government Chief Officers (the fees for the two posts have not been increased since 1996). The total cost including the fees of the statutory officers will be:

Clerk and constitutional advice	£15,000
Legal services	£5,000
Treasurer and Financial Services	£65,790
Pensions Services	£11,330

3. STATUTORY APPOINTMENTS

- 3.1 The statutory appointments of Clerk/Monitoring Officer and Treasurer were considered by the Executive Panel and they were satisfied with the current arrangements. The statutory appointments will be for a further period of four years commencing on the 1st April 2004.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 To confirm the Executive Panel's recommendations that:
- (i) the statutory appointment of Clerk/Monitoring Officer continue to be held by the Chief Executive of Denbighshire County Council and the Legal service level agreement remain with Denbighshire County Council;
 - (ii) the statutory appointment of Treasurer continue to be held by the Director of Finance of Conwy County Borough Council and the Financial service level agreement remain with Conwy County Borough Council;
and
 - (iii) the Firefighters Pension provision service level agreement remains with Flintshire County Council.