



## **AGENDA ITEM: 7**

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

**17<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

### **PROPOSALS FOR INCLUSION IN THE RISK REDUCTION PLAN DRAFT ACTION PLAN 2009 - 10**

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#### **Purpose of Report**

- 1.** To present a list of items recommended by the Executive Panel for inclusion in the Authority's Risk Reduction Plan (RRP) draft Action Plan for 2009-2010.
- 2.** To seek the Authority's approval to include these items in a draft Action Plan 2009-2010. The draft Action Plan will be presented for approval at the Authority's June 2008 meeting ahead of the required 12 week period of public consultation.

#### **Background**

- 3.** Issued Welsh Assembly Government (WAG) guidance requires that fire and rescue authorities develop and publish an RRP and/or Action Plan by 31<sup>st</sup> October each year. The development phase must include a consultation process lasting no less than 12 weeks.
- 4.** The issued RRP guidance originally required fire and rescue authorities to discuss their proposals informally with the WAG's Minister for Social Justice and Regeneration.



## **Introduction**

5. The RRP Working Group met on 8<sup>th</sup> January and 5<sup>th</sup> February 2008 to explore areas for inclusion in the Authority's RRP Action Plan for 2009-10. At its meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2008 the Working Group formulated a list that was subsequently approved by the Executive Panel of four subject areas that they wished to include in the draft RRP Action Plan 2009-10. Once compiled, the draft Action Plan will be presented to members for their approval at the Authority's June 2008 meeting, ahead of the 12 week consultation period.

## **Information**

6. Following consideration of detailed information, the Working Group suggested that the following four subject areas would be suitable for inclusion in the RRP draft Action Plan for 2009-10. The Executive Panel agreed with the Group's view and recommended that the Authority be asked to sanction these proposals:

### **6.1 Officer Cover Review**

By reviewing the way the Service provides supervisory cover by middle and senior managers at emergency incidents, it may be possible to provide an additional 'dedicated response option' and operational assurance at incidents.

### **6.2 Alternate Crewing of Aerial Ladder Platforms (ALPs)**

To transfer the dedicated single firefighter crews from ALPs to deliver community safety. These firefighters would continue to maintain operational competence and remain available to respond under sparse or exceptional conditions.



## **Information** *(continued)*

### **6.3 Catering Arrangements**

To undertake a review of catering arrangements at fire stations and other Service locations.

### **6.4 Service Review Working Group**

To form a small working group after the local authority elections in May 2008 comprising members, officers and representative bodies to undertake a wide-ranging review of risks in North Wales and consider the resources needed and their location to meet those risks. This review will form the basis of the next full Risk Reduction Plan – i.e. for 2010 – 2011.

## **Recommendations**

- 7.** That members:
  - 7.1** note the contents of the report;
  - 7.2** sanction the Executive Panel's recommendation to include the above four proposals in the draft Action Plan that will be presented to the Authority at its June meeting for approval to go out to public consultation; and
  - 7.3** in the meantime, proceed to initiate an informal discussion on the proposals through officials at the Welsh Assembly Government.