

NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE PANEL REPORT

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REPORT BY:	CHIEF FIRE OFFICER
PURPOSE OF REPORT:	To seek Members' views on the future relationship between the Fire and Rescue Authority and the Welsh Local Government Association.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) has recently undergone a major exercise that has significantly revised its relationship with its member authorities. This work now needs to be extended to include the relationships between the WLGA and the three fire and rescue authorities (FRAs) in Wales, particularly given the changed circumstances for FRAs following devolution of responsibility for fire and rescue to the Welsh Assembly Government.
- 1.2 At the request of the three fire and rescue authorities, Steve Thomas, Director of the WLGA, agreed to prepare a discussion paper that could be submitted to each authority with the intention of stimulating debate and, ultimately, arriving at an agreed way forward for the relationship between FRAs and the WLGA.
- 1.3 The discussion paper is attached as an appendix to this report and is both comprehensive and self explanatory.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 Members are invited to discuss the contents of Steve Thomas' report to inform and guide future discussions with the WLGA.