

NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE PANEL

26 OCTOBER 2005

PROPOSED RESTRUCTURE OF POLICE FORCES AND AUTHORITIES

Report by the Clerk

Purpose of Report

- 1 To consider a response to the letter dated 28 September 2005, from the Clerk to the National Assembly for Wales' Social Justice and Regeneration Committee.

Background

- 2 On 16 September 2005 the Home Office published a report, titled "Closing the Gap – a review on the 'Fitness for Purpose' of the current structure of policing in England and Wales".
- 3 In the light of the publication of the report the National Assembly's Social Justice and Regeneration Committee is undertaking its own policy review, titled "Restructuring of Constabulary".

Information

- 4 As part of its review the Committee has invited various bodies and organisations to submit their views on the future structure arrangements for the police service in Wales. Annexed to this report is a copy of the correspondence received from the Secretariat to the Social Justice and Regeneration Committee inviting the Authority's response and setting out the review's terms of reference.

Recommendation

- 5 That the Panel considers the Social Justice and Regeneration Committee's letter, and the draft response which will be tabled at the meeting.