



## **AGENDA ITEM: 7**

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

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

#### **Locating Aerial Ladder Platforms (ALPs)**

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#### **Purpose of Report**

- 1 This report recommends that the Authority defers a decision on the future location of the Service's three ALPs pending clarification of future crewing.

#### **Background**

- 2 At the Authority's meeting of the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2010 following in-depth discussions Members resolved to adopt a 30 minute attendance standard for ALPs across North Wales.
- 3 The Service currently has four ALPs located at Bangor, Llandudno, Rhyl and Wrexham. The ALP located at Wrexham fire station will reach the end of its serviceable life in April 2012.
- 4 Members recognised that adopting a 30 minute standard would result in a replacement ALP not being necessary. Members concluded that as a consequence locating and/or relocating the three remaining ALPs would require further consideration and it was officers' intentions to report to the October meeting.

#### **Information**

- 5 However, given the current continuing debate on budget reduction options for 2011 – 2014 it should be noted that the operational options being considered by Members have the potential to significantly impact future crewing arrangements for the ALP.

- 6 As a consequence a decision made on ALP locations before the impacts of the operational options are fully explored could see Members having to review this issue again in the short term.

### **Recommendation**

- 7 That Members note the report and defer a decision on the locating of ALPs until the Authority's meeting in March 2012.