



AGENDA ITEM: 9

NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE PANEL

19th November 2012

AERIAL LADDER PLATFORM (ALP) CORRESPONDENCE

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Purpose of Report

- 1 To bring to Members attention recent correspondence received in relation to the provision of Aerial Ladder Platforms (ALPs).

Introduction

- 2 In recent weeks, correspondence has been received from Guto Bebb MP, Llandudno Town Council, Barmouth Town Council, the Chief Executive of Conwy County Borough Council and the North Wales Association of Town and Larger Community Councils. This correspondence is attached for Members' information as Appendix 1.

Background

- 3 At the Authority meeting on 18th October 2010 Members resolved to adopt a 30 minute attendance standard for ALPs across North Wales with the consequence that this would reduce the number of ALPs in the North Wales Fire and Rescue Service from 4 to 3.

- 4 At the Authority meeting on 19th March 2012, with the pending departure of the oldest ALP from operational service imminent, Members resolved to locate the three remaining ALPs at Bangor, Rhyl and Wrexham.

Current Situation

- 5 All the correspondence has been replied to and copies of the replies are attached as Appendix 2.
- 6 All the replies pointed to the comprehensive analysis of the data related to the ALP, the considerations on the submissions the Authority received and the extensive deliberations of Members leading to the resolution.
- 7 All the replies have sought to reassure the recipients of the continued commitment of the North Wales Fire and Rescue Service to deliver appropriate resources to an emergency by the quickest possible means on all occasions.
- 8 In relation to the response to Barmouth Town Council all of the individual questions have been answered and reassurances provided that the appropriate managerial action is being taken by our colleagues in Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service following consultation with that Service.

Recommendation

- 9 Members are asked to note the correspondence.