



AGENDA ITEM: 7

NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

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RISK REDUCTION PLAN 2007/08

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Purpose of Report

- 1.** To present Members with a draft Risk Reduction Plan (RRP) for 2007-08.

Introduction

- 2.** On the 21st March 2006 the Welsh Assembly Government launched its guidance for Fire and Rescue Authorities on Risk Reduction Plans titled "Wales a Safer Country". It replaced the previous guidance and policy of Integrated Risk Management Planning from the 2007-08 financial year.
- 3.** The RRP guidance provides the strategic direction necessary for Authorities to address risk in a structured way whilst embracing the increased emphasis on prevention.



Introduction *(continued)*

4. It is important for Members to note that:-
 - The primary aim of the RRP is to reduce risk.
 - Authorities must have in the public domain an RRP or resulting action plan, on which they have consulted, by the 31st October each year.
 - Authorities must consult widely on the RRP and allow a minimum of 12 weeks for consultation.
 - Authorities must assess and analyse risk
 - Authorities must consider corporate risk and business environment as well as the community risk.

5. The purpose of this covering paper is to present Members with a draft Risk Reduction Plan (RRP) for 2007-08 which has been amended following the Executive Panel meeting of 18th May 2006.

RRP 2007-08

6. Subject areas for the RRP have been divided into community and corporate risk.

7. The community risks are Deaths and Injuries, Fires and Emergency Incidents, Local and National Resilience, Environmental Impact and Community Engagement.

8. The corporate risks are Capacity, Resilience and Governance.



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9. The RRP contents meet the expectations of the guidance as it includes:-
- Identification of the risk
 - The effectiveness of current control measures
 - Identification of opportunities for improvement
 - Service Standards
 - Benefits of the proposed changes

Conclusions

10. Members will be aware of the extreme time pressures surrounding the production of the Authority's first RRP. A process of assessment and analysis of risk that should be undertaken over a six to seven month period has been condensed into five weeks.
11. To meet the requirements shown in section 4 the last possible date the RRP can be sent for public consultation to ensure responses can be reported to the Authority and an agreed RRP placed in the public domain for the 31st October is the 10th July 2006.
12. Members will also wish to note that the draft RRP and Action Plan has, as per the guidance, been submitted to the Minister for Social Justice and Regeneration for informal discussion, with a view to publishing the RRP by 10th July 2006. The latest position regarding the Assembly Government's response will be reported verbally at the meeting.

Recommendation

13. That Members note the contents of the report and approve the draft RRP for public consultation.