



AGENDA ITEM: 9

NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY AUDIT COMMITTEE

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DRAFT IMPROVEMENT OBJECTIVES

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the draft improvement objectives that the Executive Panel will be recommending to the Fire and Rescue Authority, to go out to public consultation.

BACKGROUND

- 2 Welsh improvement authorities are required to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement and to set themselves Improvement Objectives every year, having first consulted on those objectives with representatives of interested parties. This is in accordance with the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009.
- 3 At its meeting on 2 February 2015 the Executive Panel agreed the membership of the Improvement Plan Working Group. Between March and July 2015, the working group met on a regular basis to consider detailed information and discuss the development of the Authority's 2015-16 improvement objectives.

INFORMATION

- 4 At the Audit Committee meeting, Members will receive a presentation summarising the work of the Improvement Planning Working Group. The Group received several presentations on the risk review and started considering budget implications for future years.

- 5 Having considered and discussed all the information received, the following objectives were submitted to the Executive Panel on 20 July 2015 and will be presented to the Fire and Rescue Authority for approval on 21 September 2015.

Improvement Objective 1 - To help to keep people and communities safe by preventing deaths and injuries from accidental fires in living accommodation.

Improvement Objective 2 - Recognising the anticipated reduction in local government funding, the Authority will develop a 3 year financial strategy in which freezing the budget will be a central principle.

Improvement Objective 3 - Rebalance our resources to match risk. We will implement a new model of resourcing which will provide a minimum of 20 fire stations available in North Wales at times of relatively lower risk and a minimum of 38 available at times of relatively higher risk.

Improvement Objective 4 - Explore opportunities to diversify the role of the firefighter and offer additional services to the public of North Wales.

RECOMMENDATION

- 6 Members are asked to note the information provided in this paper and the accompanying presentation.