



## **AGENDA ITEM: 11**

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

**13 February 2017**

#### **FLOODING UPDATE**

**Report by Gary Brandrick, Assistant Chief Fire Officer**

#### **Purpose of Report**

- 1 To provide members with an update on the situation regarding the provision of resources for flooding and other water related emergencies.

#### **Background**

- 2 At the Fire and Rescue Authority meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016, the Authority approved its response to the consultation from Welsh Government (WG) on placing a statutory duty on the Welsh Fire and Rescue Authorities to respond to flooding and other water related emergencies. Confirmation of receipt of the consultation response has been received from WG but as yet no formal feedback.
- 3 To maintain existing resource capabilities for flooding and water rescue response as well as additional resource requirement identified through experience of significant flooding events, the three Welsh Fire and Rescue Services in Wales collaborated to prepare and submit business cases for funding support. These were submitted to WG in December 2016.

## **Information**

- 4 WG has approved the business cases and will provide funding totalling £1.78m to the FRSs in Wales over the next two financial years (2016-17 and 2017–18) for flood response and water rescue. £780k has been approved for use in the current financial year (2016-17).
- 5 The funding is predominantly capital and will be utilised to add to and refresh existing high value major items such as boats, engines and vehicles.
- 6 As was confirmed in the Authority report presented at the December meeting, North Wales Fire and Rescue Service (NWFRS) does not expect the need to replace the majority of its high value items within 10 years. NWFRS however, did identify from recent significant flooding event experience, the need for an additional High Volume Pump (HVP).
- 7 A complete HVP unit consisting of the pump, equipment pods and prime mover vehicle has been ordered utilising the funding approved for use in 2016-17.
- 8 A review of the location of special appliances in NWFRS based on evolving risk information is underway and final confirmation of the location of the additional HVP will be made in due course.

## **Recommendations**

- 9 That members note the information contained in this report.