



AGENDA ITEM: 9

NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

19 December 2016

MEMBERSHIP OF IMPROVEMENT PLAN WORKING GROUP

Report by Dawn Docx, Deputy Chief Fire Officer

Purpose of Report

- 1 To agree the membership of the Improvement Plan (IP) Working Group.

Background

- 2 The Local Government Measure 2009 requires Welsh improvement authorities to set themselves improvement objectives and consult widely with relevant stakeholders and people with an interest in the area on how to fulfil their improvement duties.
- 3 The Fire and Rescue Authorities (Improvement Plans) (Wales) Order 2012 requires those authorities to publish their agreed IP – incorporating their improvement objectives - as soon as reasonably practicable after 31 December prior to the financial year to which it relates.
- 4 Since 2003 the Authority has nominated members to sit on working groups to develop plans in accordance with the planning requirements in existence at the time, and this has become an integral part of the budget setting and planning process for the Authority.

Information

- 5 The Working Group deals with the detailed work in connection with the Authority's planning and budget setting process before it submits its observations to the Executive Panel to enable it to formulate recommendations in relation to the Risk Reduction/Improvement Plan and budget to the Fire and Rescue Authority. The Working Group is not a formally constituted committee and therefore meetings are not open to the public. Meetings are held on a regular basis in the run-up to publication of documents.
- 6 In the past there have been various configurations of membership on the working group. Due to the importance of the budget and planning process it is considered prudent to again invite all members of the Executive Panel to be members of the IP Working Group.
- 7 It is proposed that the IP Working Group will meet over the coming months to further develop the objectives set with a view to publishing a draft Improvement Plan 2018-19 for public consultation towards the end of 2017 and publication in March 2018.
- 8 Due to the local authority elections, it is proposed that the Group will meet in February and March and provide the new post-election Authority with draft improvement objectives to consider later in the year.

Recommendations

- 9 Members are asked to:
 - (i) agree that the full membership of the Executive Panel becomes the membership of the IP Working Group;
 - (ii) note the dates of the IP Working Group meetings as follows:
Monday 6 February, 2pm;
Monday 6 March; 2pm.