

**NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE
FIRE AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE PANEL REPORT**

DATE:	31 st January 2005
REPORT BY:	CHIEF FIRE OFFICER
PURPOSE OF REPORT:	To agree a response to the Welsh Assembly Government's consultation document ' <i>Providing indemnities to members and officers of relevant authorities</i> '

1. **BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 In December 2004, the Welsh Assembly Government published its consultation document '*Providing indemnities to members and officers of relevant authorities*'. A copy of the document is attached as '*Appendix A*'.
- 1.2 This document is timely in that concern has been raised within the Authority in recent months over the risks to which members and officers are, or may be, exposed when discharging their responsibilities on behalf of the Authority.

2. **INFORMATION**

- 2.1 The Chief Fire Officer, in conjunction with the Clerk and the Treasurer, has prepared a draft response to the document for members' consideration. Subject to any changes required by the Panel, it is proposed to forward the response to the Assembly by the closing date of 1st March 2005. The draft is attached as '*Appendix B*'.

3. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 That members note the publication of the consultation document and the draft response prepared by the Chief Fire Officer, Clerk and Treasurer.
- 3.2 That members consider any amendments to the draft they may wish to make prior to it being forwarded to the Welsh Assembly Government.