



AGENDA ITEM: 6

NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

17th March 2008

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

**Report by Councillor Trevor Roberts,
Chairman of the Authority**

Purpose of Report

- 1.** To provide members with an update on the meetings and events attended by the Chairman since the Fire and Rescue Authority's last meeting.

Background

- 2.** This report provides members with information on the meetings and events attended by the Chairman in his official capacity as Chairman of the Authority, and in his absence the Vice-Chairman, since 17th December 2007.

Information

- 3.** Listed below are the events and meetings attended by the Chairman/Vice-Chairman from 17th December 2007 to date:



Information (*continued*)

Date	Meeting/Event attended
7 th January 2008	The Chairman and Vice-Chairman met with the Chief Fire Officer and other Service officers at Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, St. Asaph.
8 th January 2008	The Chairman chaired a meeting of the Authority's Risk Reduction Planning Working Group at the Headquarters in St. Asaph.
15 th January 2008	The Vice-Chairman travelled to Service Headquarters to attend a meeting of the Wrexham Fire Station Re-location Project Board.
16 th January 2008	The Chairman and other members of the Champions Working Group attended a meeting of the Group at Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters. Following the meeting the Champions participated in a training session on Individual Development Reviews (IDRs).
17 th January 2008	The Chairman attended a seminar arranged by the National Joint Council (NJC) for Local Authority Fire and Rescue Services in London. The theme for the seminar was 'Working Together: Better Industrial Relations for a Better Fire Service'.



Information (*continued*)

22 nd January 2008	In their capacities as trustees both the Chairman and Chief Fire Officer attend a meeting of Atal Tân Cymru's Board of Trustees at Newport.
24 th January 2008	The Chairman, accompanied by the Service's Operational Support Manager, attended a conference arranged by the Chief Fire Officers' Association (CFOA). The theme for this conference, held in Leicester, was 'Innovations – Flexible Working in the Fire and Rescue Service'.
25 th January 2008	Both the Chief Fire Officer and Chairman were present at the memorial service held at Coventry Cathedral to honour the memory of the four Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service firefighters' who lost their lives in Atherstone-on-Stour last November.
29 th January 2008	The Chairman attended a meeting arranged by the Young Firefighters Association (YFA) volunteers at Llanfairfechan.
30 th January 2008	The Chairman travelled to London to attend a meeting of the NJC.
5 th February 2008	The Chairman chaired meetings of both the Authority's RRP Working Group and Executive Panel at St. Asaph.
6 th February 2008	The Chairman was present at the post-incident de-brief session held in the wake of the Gwynedd fire fatality.
8 th February 2008	The Chairman travelled to Chirk to attend a Ceremony of Achievement for the Phoenix Project.



Information (*continued*)

12 th February 2008	The Vice-Chairman attended a meeting of the Joint Emergency Services' Strategic Partnership Group at Colwyn Bay.
13 th February 2008	The Chairman witnessed the opening of tenders at St. Asaph before travelling to Llanfairfechan to attend a meeting of the YFA volunteers.
14 th February 2008	Both the Chairman and Chief Fire Officer attended a meeting of the Welsh Local Government Association's (WLGA) Fire Services' Panel in Cardiff.
19 th February 2008	The Chairman and Chief Fire Officer attended a meeting of the Welsh Assembly Government's (WAG) Wales Fire and Rescue Service Liaison Group at Cardiff Bay. The WAG's Minister for Social Justice and Local Government was also present at this meeting.
19 th and 20 th February 2008	The Vice-Chairman attended the Improvement and Development Agency's (I&DeA) Leadership Academy focused programme: 'Political Leadership in Fire and Rescue Authorities' event at Warwick
20 th February 2008	The Chairman witnessed the opening of tenders at Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, St. Asaph.
21 st February 2008	The Chairman attended a Special Meeting of the Local Government Association's (LGA) Fire Forum in London. This meeting was addressed by the UK Government's Fire Minister, Parmjit Dhanda MP



Information *(continued)*

27 th February 2008	The Chairman chaired Atal Tân Cymru's Community Fire Safety Conference at Llandudno.
29 th February 2008	The Chairman and other members were present at the Service's Community Awards Ball held at Llandudno.
3 rd March 2008	The Chairman chaired a meeting of the RRP Working Group at Service Headquarters, St. Asaph. Following this meeting he attended a number of other meetings with officers of the Authority and signed contracts.
6 th March 2008	The Chairman chaired a meeting of the Authority's Executive Panel which was held at St. Asaph.
7 th March 2008	The Vice-Chairman and other Fire and Rescue Authority members attended a road safety roadshow arranged jointly by North Wales Fire and Rescue Service, North Wales Police and Denbighshire County Council's Education Department at Llysfasi College, Ruthin.
8 th March 2008	The Chairman, along with YFA volunteers, undertook a site visit to Kingswood Colomendy Centre, Maeshafn, the proposed site for this year's YFA Inter-Branch Competition.



Information *(continued)*

10 th March 2008	The Chairman and Vice-Chairman attended the customary pre-Authority meeting with officers to discuss the reports on the agenda for today's meeting. Following this meeting they attended another meeting, this time with staff representative bodies, for the purpose of discussing the items on today's business agenda.
11 th and 12 th March 2008	The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Chief Fire Officer and Deputy Chief Fire Officer attended the LGA's Annual Fire Conference at Coventry.
13 th March 2008	The Chairman travelled to London to attend a meeting of the NJC.
15 th March 2008	The Chairman and Deputy Chief Fire Officer were present at the launch of the Wales Air Ambulance £1 Appeal at the Guildhall, Wrexham.

Recommendation

5. That members note the information provided.