



AGENDA ITEM: 11

NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE PANEL

10th May 2010

Rhyl Community Fire Station

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Purpose of Report

- 1 The purpose of this report is to make members aware of a more detailed paper which is being prepared which will summarise the progress to date of Rhyl Community Fire Station.

Background

- 2 Rhyl Community Fire Station opened in August 2008. It was the first of its type in Wales and built upon less well developed concepts which existed in England.
- 3 The original idea of the Community Fire Station was to transform a traditional operational fire station into a proactive, community orientated station which focused on community engagement. Its purpose was to act as a focal point for local residents and to educate and encourage the prevention of fires and other accidents, in addition to responding to incidents.

Information

- 4 The governance arrangements that are in place are that the day to day running of the community facility is managed by the Community Fire Station Manager. Progress is overseen by a management team which meets quarterly. This team consists of the Chair of the Fire and Rescue Authority, Senior Fire Safety Manager, Community Fire Safety Manager, Finance Manager and Deputy Corporate Communications Manager.

- 5 In addition to this scrutiny it has been decided that it would be appropriate at this point in the community station's development, for a full progress report to be presented to the next Executive panel.

- 6 The Community Fire Station Manager is currently preparing this report. It is anticipated that it will cover :
Partnership arrangements
Community engagement
Occupancy rates
Income generation

Recommendations

- 7 That Members:
 - (i) note the intention to present the progress report to the next Executive panel;
 - (ii) indicate what additional information they may require to be incorporated in that future report.