



AGENDA ITEM: 8

NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

20 March 2017

DRAFT IMPROVEMENT AND WELL-BEING PLAN 2017-18

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Purpose of Report

- 1 To present for members' approval the draft Improvement and Well-being Plan 2017-18.

Introduction

- 2 Fire and Rescue Authorities (FRAs) in Wales are required to publish improvement objectives in accordance with the Local Government Measure 2009 and well-being objectives in accordance with the Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015.
- 3 FRAs must publish an annual Improvement Plan as soon as reasonably practicable after the 31 December before the financial year to which the Plan relates. FRAs must also publish their first set of well-being objectives by no later than 31 March 2017.
- 4 When publishing its well-being objectives, the FRA must describe the steps it proposes to take to meet the well-being objectives and at the same time, publish a statement that explains:
 - why the FRA considers that its well-being objectives will contribute to the achievement of the well-being goals;
 - why the FRA considers that its well-being objectives have been set in accordance with the sustainable development principle;
 - the steps the FRA will take to meet the well-being objectives in accordance with the sustainable development principle;

- how the FRA will govern itself to meet its well-being objectives;
 - how the FRA will keep the steps it takes to meet its well-being objectives under review;
 - how the FRA will ensure that resources are allocated annually for the purpose of taking steps to meet its objectives;
 - when the FRA expects to meet its well-being objectives; and
 - any other relevant information about its well-being objectives.
- 5 Advice has been issued explaining that to all intents and purposes, improvement objectives and well-being objectives can be treated as one and the same. Therefore, by integrating processes for setting and reporting on these key objectives, authorities can discharge their duties under both areas of legislation.

Information

- 6 At the FRA meeting of 19 September 2016, members considered and approved a draft consultation document that explained the Authority's proposed objectives for 2017-18 and invited responses to be submitted by 12 December 2016.
- 7 At its meeting of 13 February 2017, the Executive Panel considered the responses received and approved the production of a final draft Improvement and Well-being Plan 2017-18 based on four objectives, for approval by the FRA at this meeting.
- 8 The final draft (Appendix 1) presents the four objectives as 'steps' towards two long-term well-being objectives.
- 9 Following discussion at the Improvement Planning Working Group at its meeting of 6 March 2017, the wording of the fourth 'step' has been adjusted to reflect the collaborative and integrated aspects of diversifying the services provided.

Recommendation

- 10 Members are asked to approve the final draft of the Improvement and Well-being Plan 2017-18 and Statement for publication on the Authority's website before the end of March 2017.