

Report to	<b>North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority</b>
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Subject	<b>Membership of the Authority's Planning Working Group to develop the Fire and Rescue Authority's plan for 2020/21</b>



### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1 To agree the membership of the Authority's Planning Working Group 2019.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 2 The Authority's planning processes will need to commence early in 2019 to allow enough time for the Authority to draft, consult on and approve its 2020/21 plan for publication in early 2020.
- 3 This paper seeks the Authority's decision as regards the membership of a working group to undertake the detailed work of drafting the plan for approval by the full Authority.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4 Members are asked to:
  - (i) agree that the full membership of the Authority's Executive Panel becomes the membership of the Planning Working Group; and
  - (ii) note that dates for the Planning Working Group meetings will be sent to Members in due course.

### **OBSERVATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE PANEL/AUDIT COMMITTEE**

- 5 This report has not previously been considered by Members.

### **BACKGROUND**

- 6 The Local Government Measure 2009 and the Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015 require Welsh Fire and Rescue Authorities (FRAs) to set themselves objectives and to involve stakeholders in that process.
- 7 The FRAs (Improvement Plans) (Wales) Order 2012 requires those authorities to publish their agreed improvement objectives as soon as reasonably practicable after the 31 December prior to the financial year to which they relate.

- 8 Similarly, the Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015 requires those authorities to explain publicly the steps that they propose to take in the forthcoming financial year towards meeting their long term well-being objectives.
- 9 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

- 10 The Planning Working Group undertakes detailed work associated with the Authority's planning and budget-setting process through a series of meetings. As the Working Group is not a formally constituted committee, these meetings are not open to the public.
- 11 The Planning Working Group submits its observations to the Executive Panel which in turn makes recommendations for improvement/risk reduction/well-being objectives to the full FRA.
- 12 In the past there have been various configurations of membership on the working group. Due to the importance of the budget and planning process Members may consider it prudent to again invite all members of the Executive Panel to be members of the Planning Working Group.
- 13 It is proposed to hold meetings of the Planning Working Group over the coming months to develop draft objectives for 2020/21 with a view to consulting publicly during 2019 and publishing the Authority's Improvement and Well-being Plan 2020/21 in March 2020.

## IMPLICATIONS

Well-being Objectives	Direct implication for agreeing the steps towards the Authority's long-term well-being objectives.
Budget	Direct implication for developing the Authority's budget for 2020/21 and beyond.
Legal	Supports the Authority's compliance with relevant legislation for improvement planning and working towards meeting well-being objectives.
Staffing	No known impact on staffing levels during the drafting phase, but potential impact (as yet unknown) arising from the final adopted plan.
Equalities/Human Rights/Welsh Language	The impact on a range of aspects to be assessed during drafting and producing the plan.
Risks	Reduces the risks of legal non-compliance and of failing to budget and plan appropriately.