

7. The Fire and Rescue Authority's Annual Plan 2012/13

Purpose of report

1. To introduce the draft Fire and Rescue Authority Plan 2012/13 to the Policy and Resources Committee.

Recommendation

The Chief Fire Officer recommends that the Policy and Resources Committee recommend the draft Fire and Rescue Authority Plan 2012/13 for approval by the Authority.

Summary

2. As part of our corporate planning process, the Authority produces its annual Fire and Rescue Authority Plan (Appendix 1). This year, the Service is adopting a new approach in relation to the Authority Plan with the use of "Our Strategy" as the backdrop to the document.
3. The Fire and Rescue Authority Plan is now designed to be a consolidated report that links the Corporate Plan, Annual Performance Report and IRMP Action Plan into a single document. This approach is intended to benefit both the Service and our communities by demonstrating a clear commitment to the simplification of our literature to all stakeholders. The three key areas of the Fire and Rescue Authority Plan are:
 - I. **Core Purpose:** Our Strategy, Our Future, this section offers a clear statement of our legal role and responsibilities and outlines our new strategic direction.
 - II. **We will deliver through:** An overview of our performance and notable successes during the 2011/12 business year.
 - III. **Our foundations:** What our 2012/13 priorities are from the perspective of the Service's six foundation elements.
4. The report is currently presented in a format that focuses on the narrative elements of the document and as such is not complete. A finalised version will be professionally published and will adopt a more appropriate layout and include supporting images.

Conclusion/Summary

5. It is requested that the Policy and Resources Committee approve the draft Fire and Rescue Authority Plan 2012/13 for approval by the Authority.

Financial Considerations

Consideration	Yes/No	Reference in Report i.e. paragraph no.
There are financial issues that require consideration	Y	The whole report

Legal Considerations

Consideration	Yes/No	Reference in Report i.e. paragraph no.
There are legal issues e.g. contractual and procurement, reputational issues that require consideration	Y	The whole report

Additional Considerations

6. The table below sets out any additional issues arising from the proposals contained in this report and identifies the relevant paragraphs in the report where such issues are addressed.

Consideration	Yes/No	Reference in Report i.e. paragraph no.
Resources (e.g. Assets, ICT, Human Resources, Training & Development, Sustainability).	Y	The whole report
Strategic Policy Links (e.g. IRMP, Authority Plan, Equality & Diversity, Partnerships, Environmental Impact).	Y	The whole report
Risk Management / Health & Safety (e.g. risk management and control measures, risk register score).	N	
Consultation with Representative Bodies	N	

Supporting Information

Appendix 1 - Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue draft Authority Plan 2012/13

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