Hereford & Worcester Fire Authority 27 June 2017

Report of the Head of Corporate Services

Fire Authority Annual Report 2017-18

Purpose of report

1. To adopt the Fire Authority Annual Report 2017-18 and approve for publication.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Authority adopts the draft Fire Authority Annual Report 2017-18 and approves it for publication, subject to any final minor changes as agreed by the Chief Fire Officer in consultation with the Chairman.

Introduction and Background

- As part of our corporate planning process, the Service produces a Fire Authority Annual Report (Appendix 1 – separate enclosure). The Annual Report 2017-18 presents an overview of the Service's activities in 2016-17, including a summary of overall performance and achievements, and outlines our plans for 2017-18.
- 3. The document is prepared in a style ready for publication on the Service website, so that it is easier to read and access. This is part of our aim to improve community engagement with, and understanding of, the work of the Service.
- 4. This year's report is arranged to reflect the Service's new 'Saving More Lives' vision, with each section organised under the vision's three main themes of Understanding Community Risk; Responding in the Time of Need; and Preventing Harm and Promoting Wellbeing. It also acknowledges the changes being brought in through the Policing and Crime Act 2017 and the government's Fire Reform agenda.

Conclusion/Summary

5. Subject to Authority approval, the finalised report will be published on the Service website.

Corporate Considerations

Resource Implications (identify any financial, legal, property or human resources issues)	The whole document includes information on financial, property and human resource issues and changes which are necessary to support the implementation of Fire Authority objectives.
Strategic Policy Links (identify how proposals link in with current priorities and policy framework and if they do not, identify any potential implications).	The whole document highlights key achievements and performance in delivering Our Strategy in 2016- 17, and it highlights proposed actions in 2017-18 as part of the CRMP 2014-2020.
Risk Management / Health & Safety (identify any risks, the proposed control measures and risk evaluation scores).	The document provides an overview of activities and proposed actions. The details for each activity and proposed action include any risk implications.
Consultation (identify any public or other consultation that has been carried out on this matter)	Senior Management Board consultation.
Equalities (has an Equalities Impact Assessment been completed? If not, why not?)	Business Impact Assessment completed for the Annual Report process. Equality and diversity will be considered by each project or activity manager. Equality and diversity is embedded throughout the document.

Supporting Information

Appendix 1 – Fire Authority Annual Report 2017-18

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