

REPORT TO THE FIRE AUTHORITY

DATE: 8th February 2010

REFERENCE:

SUBJECT: RISK REDUCTION PLANNING – 2011/2012

SUMMARY – The Fire Authority has a five year strategic plan setting out its key goals for 2010/2015 in terms of reducing community and corporate risk whilst continually improving how we manage our Service. As a driving force for this plan the Fire Authority develops and implements an annual risk reduction plan (RRP), bringing the five year plan to life.

This paper presents to the Fire Authority a number of themes for consideration within the 2011/2012 RRP (year two of the five year strategy).

Following Fire Authority support the Strategic Planning & Performance Department will commence the work in developing the RRP with the support and direction of the RRP Member Working Group.

OBJECTIVES		IMPLICATIONS	
More than an Emergency Service	X	Operational Risk Management	X
Trusted & Respected by our customers	X	Community Risk Reduction	X
Saving Lives, Protecting Communities	X	Service Control	X
Managing within Budget	X	Civil Contingencies & Resilience	X
Allocate Resources to Priorities	X	Finance & Procurement	X
Efficiency savings	X	People and Organisational Development	X
Alternative funding & resources	X	ICT	X
Managing People	X	CCMS	X
Risk Reduction Planning	X	Transport	X
Partnership Working	X	Corporate Risk	X
Effective & Empowered People	X	Estates	X
		Sustainability & Environment	X
		Welsh Language	X
		Legal	X
		Governance	X
		Equality & Diversity	X
		Representative Body Consultation	

COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS ON THE ABOVE OBJECTIVES/IMPLICATIONS:

Risk Reduction Planning will consider all our community and corporate risk and the implications of the process are likely to extend to all areas of our Service. Final implications are dependent on the final proposals contained within the plan following consultation.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Authority approves the broad themes for inclusion in the 2011/2012 RRP plan for development by the Member Working Group.

BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT:

Fire and Rescue National Framework for Wales 2008/2011
Mid and West Wales Fire Authority Strategic Plan 2010/2015
Sustainability and Environmental Strategy for Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service.

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Fire and Rescue National Framework for Wales highlights the need for each Fire Authority to produce a risk reduction plan (RRP) for each financial year. Each plan will be subject to public consultation and should reflect the risks within the community its serves whilst providing value for money.
- 1.2 The Fire Authority has published its five year strategic plan for 2010/2015 covering the key objectives for that five-year period. The RRP 2011/2012 represents year two of the five year plan.

2 Outline proposals for 2011/2012 RRP

- 2.1 The proposed key themes for 2011/2012 are:

1 *Value for Money:*

Implement the key outcomes of the 2010/2011 Service Review Programme to reduce costs and improve performance.

2 *Emergency Response:*

Enhance the safety and welfare of our staff through robust training and response strategies to more effectively manage the challenges faced at emergency incidents.

3 *Community Wide Resilience:*

Continue to develop our ability to respond to exceptional events that impact upon our communities and the Service by working with partner agencies to develop and practice emergency plans.

4 *Environment:*

Progress our Environmental and Sustainability Strategy.

5 *Partnership Working:*

To progress our strategic partnership working to assure our community safety goals are fulfilled.

3 Next Stages

- 3.1 Subject to the Fire Authority's approval, detailed work will now commence in the development of the draft RRP for 2011/2012. This aspect of work will be directed by the Member Working Group.
- 3.2 The Fire Authority will be presented with a draft RRP on 10th May 2010 and subject to approval a 12 week public consultation period will commence. On completion the Member Working Group will consider the responses and the full Fire Authority will consider the final version prior to formal publication by the 31st October in line with The Fire and Rescue National Framework for Wales.

4 Recommendations

- 4.1 That the Authority approves the themes for inclusion in the 2011/2012 RRP enabling the Member Working Group to progress.