

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

17TH MARCH 2008

1. CORPORATE STRATEGY AND ANNUAL SERVICE PLAN

Joint report of the Chief Fire Officer and Treasurer.

RECOMMENDED

- 1.1 THAT the Committee approve the three year Corporate Strategy set out as Appendix 1 to this report.
- 1.2 THAT the Committee approve the Annual Service Plan attached as Appendix 2 to this report.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report is submitted to Members of the Executive Committee in order to approve the three year Corporate Strategy for 2008/2011 and the Annual Service Plan for 2008/2009.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Members may recall that at the Fire Authority meeting on 12th February 2007, changes to the business planning arrangements were approved which included incorporating the Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) within a three year Corporate Strategy. In addition, key external influences such as Local Strategic Partnerships and Local Area Agreements were also included. Approval was also granted to replace the IRMP Action Plan with an Annual Service Plan. The Business Plan is also incorporated into the Annual Service Plan.

- 3.2 The three year Corporate Strategy 2008/2011 is a forward looking strategic document that is refreshed annually. It gives an outline of the areas where the West Midlands Fire Service will focus its activity during the next three year period. The Action List in the Corporate Strategy document was approved at the meeting of the full Authority on 11th February 2008.
- 3.3 The Annual Service Plan sets out what the West Midlands Fire Service will be focusing upon in the next financial year 2008/2009. Performance Indicators are included within the Annual Service Plan giving an outline of the expectations of our future performance.
- 3.4 Both the Corporate Strategy and Annual Service Plan have been circulated to members of the Corporate Strategy Working Group. Representatives of this Working Group have been consulting with colleagues in order to determine what should be included in the strategy for the next three year period.
- 3.5 Details of our achievements in relation to targets and Performance Indicators up to April 2008 will be published in our Annual Report during the summer.

4. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The course of action recommended in this report does not raise issues which should be drawn to the attention of the Authority's Monitoring Officer.

5. **TRADE UNION CONSULTATION**

The Trade Unions have been specifically consulted about the contents of the Action Plan of the Annual Service Plan as part of the statutory 12 weeks consultation period. The outcomes were presented to the full Authority on 11th February 2008.

6. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 The Medium Term Financial Plan is an integral part of the three year Corporate Strategy.

- 6.2 The costs of printing the plans can be met from within existing budgets.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Corporate Strategy 2007/2010
Annual Service Plan 2007/2008
Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004
Fire and Rescue Service National Framework (DRAFT) 2008/2001
The Local Government and Public Involvement on Health Act 2007

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