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| Report to | Executive Panel |
| Date | 12 February 2018 |
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| Subject | Improvement and Well-being Plan 2019/20 |



PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 To present for information the proposed timetable for producing the Authority's Improvement and Well-being Plan 2019/20.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2 This report sets out a proposed timetable for setting and publishing improvement and well-being objectives for 2019/20 in accordance with applicable legislation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3 Members are asked to note the proposed timetable for producing the Authority's Improvement and Well-being Plan 2019/20.

OBSERVATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE PANEL/AUDIT COMMITTEE

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

BACKGROUND

- 5 The Authority is required to publish annual improvement objectives in accordance with the Local Government Measure 2009. This must be done as soon as reasonably practicable after the 31 December before the financial year to which the objectives relate.
- 6 The Authority must also publish long-term well-being objectives in accordance with the Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015. The Act does not prescribe how often the Authority must revise these objectives other than that it must review them as part of its annual process of reporting on them.
- 7 Having adopted long-term well-being objectives, the Authority is required to take all reasonable steps (in exercising its functions) to meet those objectives.

- 8 Under both these regimes and in accordance with other regulations such as those published under the Equality Act 2010, there is a clear expectation that the Authority will involve other people in the process of agreeing its objectives. There are no strict rules regarding the duration of public consultations, but a period of up to 12 weeks would generally be considered as appropriate in the majority of cases.
- 9 As regards securing funding, the Authority is required under the North Wales Fire Services (Combination Scheme) Order 1995 to submit to its constituent authorities an estimate of its net expenses for the next financial year by the end of December, and to confirm the actual amount before 15 February.

INFORMATION

- 10 The proposed timetable is contained in Appendix 1.

IMPLICATIONS

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| Well-being Objectives | Direct implication for agreeing the steps towards the Authority's long-term well-being objectives. |
| Budget | There is a clear relationship between the Authority's plans for 2019/20 and the level of financial resources available. The budget for 2018/19 must be confirmed by mid-February 2018. Budget-setting for 2019/20 is included in the timetable in Appendix 1. |
| Legal | Supports compliance with improvement planning and well-being legislation. |
| Staffing | No known impact on staffing levels |
| Equalities/Human Rights/Welsh Language | The impact of specific actions on these aspects will be assessed at the appropriate point in their development. |
| Risks | Reduces the risks of legal non-compliance and of failing to budget and plan appropriately. |

APPENDIX 1

| DATE | MEETING | ACTION |
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| 15/01/2018 | Planning Working Group | Develop the Authority's Draft 2019/20 Plan. |
| 05/02/2018 | Planning Working Group | Develop the Authority's Draft 2019/20 Plan. |
| 26/02/2018 | Planning Working Group | Develop the Authority's Draft 2019/20 Plan. |
| 05/03/2018 | Planning Working Group | Agree recommendations for the Draft 2019/20 Plan for consideration by the Executive Panel in May 2018. |
| 19/03/2018 | Fire and Rescue Authority | Consider and approve 4 x Local well-being plans (effective from May 2018) and the Authority's 2018/19 Plan. |
| 14/05/2018 | Executive Panel | Receive report from the Planning Working Group regarding the Authority's Draft 2019/20 Plan. Approve proposals for stakeholder and public consultation. |
| 18/06/2018 | Fire and Rescue Authority | Approve Draft 2019/20 Plan objectives for stakeholder and public consultation. |
| July 2018 | | Start of 12-week stakeholder and public consultation. |
| 17/09/2018 | Fire and Rescue Authority | Approve for publication a draft assessment of the Authority's performance in 2017/18. Include a review of the Authority's current well-being objectives. |
| October 2018 | | Close of 12-week stakeholder and public consultation. |
| 22/10/2018 | Executive Panel | Consider the response to the public consultation and agree draft objectives to be considered by the FRA at its December meeting. |
| 17/12/2018 | Fire and Rescue Authority | Agree draft budget 2019/20. Agree draft objectives to be incorporated into the FRA's draft 2019/20 Plan. |
| February 2019 | Executive Panel | Consider the final draft 2019/20 Plan for approval by the FRA at its March meeting. |
| 15/02/2019 | | Last day for notifying the constituent authorities of their financial contributions for 2019/20. |
| March 2019 | Fire and Rescue Authority | Approve the final draft Plan 2019/20 for publication. |
| 31/03/2019 | | Final day for publishing the Authority's Plan 2019/20. |