

Report to	North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority
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Subject	Draft Improvement and Well-Being Plan 2018-19



PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 To present for approval the draft Improvement and Well-being Plan 2018-19.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2 This report presents a draft Improvement and Well-being Plan 2018-19 (Appendix 1) for publication by 31 March 2018.

RECOMMENDATION

- 3 Members are asked to approve the draft Improvement and Well-being Plan 2018-19 for publication on the Authority's website before the end of March 2018.

OBSERVATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE PANEL/AUDIT COMMITTEE

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

BACKGROUND

- 5 Fire and Rescue Authorities (FRAs) in Wales are required to publish annual improvement objectives in accordance with the Local Government Measure 2009 as soon as reasonably practicable after the 31 December before the financial year to which they relate.
- 6 FRAs must also publish long-term well-being objectives in accordance with the Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015. FRAs were required to set and publish their first well-being objectives by 31 March 2017 and must continue to keep them under regular review, amending and re-publishing them at such subsequent times as they consider appropriate.

- 7 When publishing their long-term well-being objectives, FRAs must also publish a statement explaining how meeting the objectives will contribute to achieving the national well-being goals and why they consider they have set well-being objectives in accordance with the
- 8 sustainable development principle. The statement must also set out the more immediate steps they propose to take to meet those objectives in accordance with the principle and the anticipated timescales for achieving the objectives.
- 9 In 2017-18, in accordance with issued advice regarding amalgamating improvement planning and well-being planning, the Authority adopted two long-term objectives. These are:
 - A: To support people to prevent accidental dwelling fires and stay safe if they do occur; and
 - B: To facilitate high quality, responsive and better integrated fire and rescue services so that prevention activity and emergency response continue to be available when and where required, affordably, equitably and on the basis of risk.
- 10 The Authority is able, therefore, to publish, for the forthcoming financial year, a set of objectives that serve as both annual improvement objectives and as the steps the Authority proposes to take in that year towards meeting its long term well-being objectives.

INFORMATION

- 11 In early 2017 the Improvement Planning Working Group drafted a set of three objectives for 2018-19 that were subsequently approved for consultation by the full Authority at its meeting on 20 March 2017.
- 12 The public consultation on these draft objectives ran from May 2017 (after the local government elections) to July 2017 and the key themes of the responses were considered by the Executive Panel at its meeting on 23 October 2017.
- 13 The attached draft Improvement and Well-being Plan 2018-19 therefore incorporates the three objectives that were consulted upon and the explanatory statement providing the required supplementary information.

IMPLICATIONS

Well-being Objectives	Direct implication for agreeing the steps towards the Authority's long-term well-being objectives.
Budget	The draft 2018/19 budget was agreed at the December 2017 meeting of the Authority.
Legal	Supports compliance with improvement planning and well-being legislation.
Staffing	No known impact on staffing levels
Equalities/Human Rights/Welsh Language	No implications identified but the impact of specific actions will be assessed separately.
Risks	Reduces the risks of legal non-compliance and of failing to budget and plan appropriately.