

Report to	Fire and Rescue Authority	
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Subject	Draft Assessment of the Authority's Performance 2016-17	

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 To present for members' approval the draft assessment of the Authority's performance and annual equality report for 2016-17.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2 The Authority is required under legislation to compile and publish an annual assessment of its performance and equality data. These two aspects have been combined within a single document for the financial year 2016-17 (at Appendix 1) which is presented for members' consideration and to seek members' approval to publish.

RECOMMENDATION

- 3 That Members:
 - (i) approve the draft assessment of the Authority's performance and progress towards meeting its improvement and equality objectives during 2016-17 for publication by 31 October 2017;
 - (ii) note that a colourful paper leaflet summarising the Authority's progress towards meeting its improvement objectives will also be published before the end of this year.

OBSERVATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE PANEL/AUDIT COMMITTEE

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

INFORMATION

- 5 Fire and Rescue Authorities in Wales are required to publish performance information relating to each financial year by 31 October in the year following that to which the performance relates. This is in accordance with the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009.

- 6 The first part of the report (Appendix 1) provides an assessment of how the Authority has discharged its general duty to improve and its progress against the improvement objectives it set itself for last year. It also summarises its performance against specified national and local performance indicators and measures of success.
- 7 Similarly, the Equality Act 2010 (Statutory Duties) and the (Wales) Regulations 2011 require Fire and Rescue Authorities in Wales to produce a strategic equality plan every four years and to publish a report on progress towards delivering that plan by 31 March each year.
- 8 For convenience, therefore, progress against the improvement objectives and the equalities objectives will this year be reported within a single document for publication before the earlier statutory deadline of 31 October 2017.
- 9 As part of checking the document for publication on the Authority's website, officers will ensure that the latest available external information and source references have been included within it; and will correct any minor formatting and/or typographical errors.

IMPLICATIONS

Wellbeing Objectives	The Authority's first well-being objectives set under the Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015 relate to 2017-18. This report for 2016-17, therefore, relates to earlier legislation, although actions achieved by the FRA during 2016-17 will also have contributed to achieving the well-being goals for Wales.
Budget	Publishing the full document on the Authority's website and providing only summary information in paper leaflets helps to keep costs down.
Legal	The combined document discharges the Authority's duties under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 and the Equality Act 2010 (Statutory Duties) (Wales) Regulations 2011.
Staffing	There are no additional staffing implications for producing the combined document or summary leaflets.
Equalities/Human Rights/ Welsh Language	All protected characteristics are covered within the report.
Risks	Considered not relevant.