

**REPORT OF THE HEREFORD & WORCESTER FIRE AND RESCUE
AUTHORITY TO THE CONSTITUENT AUTHORITIES
Meeting Held on 27 September 2007**

SERVICE REPORT

1. In 2006/07, the Authority was informed that the long periods of hot and dry weather had affected performance against Best Value Performance Indicators which coincided with school holidays and significant amount of flash flooding. These conditions had extended to the current year particularly in June. The Authority also noted the increases in the total fire, special service and false alarms incidents and the increased number of Road Traffic Collisions attended by a rescue pump within a specified period of time. Various other items of interest and information were noted by the Authority. Details of the Performance Statistics, Incident and Injury matters, Interest and Information items that have been reported to the Authority can be found on the Service's website (www.hwfire.org.uk).

JOINT SERVICE REVIEW WARWICKSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

2. The Authority agreed to a joint options appraisal with Warwickshire County Council to consider opportunities for improving the service delivery and efficiency through closer working arrangements.

FLOODING UPDATE

3. The Authority expressed its deep appreciation to Service staff for their work during the June and July flooding.

NEW MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

4. The Authority considered and adopted the new Model Code of Conduct which had previously been considered by the Authority's Standards Committee.

MEASURING AND CHALLENGING RECRUITMENT PROCESSES

5. A report which informed Members of the progress regarding the Service recruitment processes was noted and the Authority conveyed its thanks to staff in producing an excellent document which documented the processes.

YOUNG FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION (YFA)

6. A report was noted which updated the Authority on the development of further governance arrangements for the YFA. Members acknowledged the worthwhile contribution that the YFA delivered to various communities and that additional YFA groups would be welcomed. The Authority agreed to support the establishment of a formal structure of governance and a constitution being adopted by the YFA groups and agreed that Mr Fry be nominated as the Chairman of the Hereford and Worcester Young Firefighters Association under the terms of the YFA's draft constitution.

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HEREFORD & WORCESTER FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY
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FURTHER INFORMATION

Any person wishing to seek further information on this report should contact Committee Services on 0845 12 24454.
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BACKGROUND PAPERS

Agenda papers of the meeting of the Fire and Rescue Authority held on 27 September, 2007.