

TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE: 27th April 2009

SUBJECT: District Plans 2009/2010

JOINT REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, CLERK TO THE AUTHORITY AND THE FINANCE OFFICER

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report has been produced in order to inform the Committee of the process undertaken to further develop the District Plans for 2009/2010 and to incorporate within them the existing Station Plans.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 District Plans were first produced in 2008/2009 as a supplement to the existing Station Plans that were already in existence. However, with the impact of the move to co-terminous working becoming increasingly apparent, the District Plans have taken on a greater significance. Consequently, from 2009/2010, they will now absorb station level information and data within them, thereby creating a smaller number of key focal points relating to performance within the districts of the five constituent authorities of Tyne and Wear. As a result there will be no Station Plans produced from 2009/2010.
- 2.2 The District Plans are being developed in line with the introduction of CAA and the associated National Indicator set. Each of the District Plans will be based on Service objectives and the priorities established at district level, which support the priorities of their Local Strategic Plan and Local Area Agreement. The performance information within the District Plans will be based on validated data that will reflect the data provided within the Strategic Community Safety Plan.

3 SETTING THE PRIORITIES

- 3.1 Following extensive discussion and consultation with a range of stakeholders, the District Plans for 2009/2010 will contain priorities that will be the responsibility of managers at district level to determine, although they must be able to demonstrate that the priorities balance organisational objectives with that of local risk and priorities.
- 3.2 In addition, it is important to note that the two fire-related National Indicators have been adopted as service level priorities and, where necessary, the associated Local Indicators (LI's) have been set as priorities at district level as well.

- 3.3 Each district has also been encouraged to highlight additional National Indicators in their plan where they believe they are able to contribute towards them. This will require discussion to be carried out at LSP level in relation to the potential contribution of the Service in support of local outcomes.
- 3.4 As a result of this process, each district will end up with a set of unique priorities based on previous incident data, local knowledge and the priorities of their Local Authority and partners.
- 3.5 Through this decision-making process the districts will be given a greater level of autonomy and accountability in relation to the delivery of initiatives, whilst also ensuring that the objectives of the Service as a whole are fully acknowledged.

4 CONTENT OF THE DISTRICT PLANS 2009/2010

- 4.1 In order to reflect the outcomes of the decision making process the District Plans have been designed to clearly highlight which of the local priorities related to the National Indicator set are measured at district level. In addition to this, each of the District Plans will clearly highlight the additional Local Indicators (LI's) which have been identified as a priority at district level.
- 4.2 As the District Plans will now encompass station level performance the priorities at this level will also be agreed using the same decision making process as highlighted above.
- 4.3 Each of the station initiatives will be clearly linked to the priorities highlighted within the District Plan in order to reflect their delivery at station and district level. This will also enable the success and evaluation of the initiatives to be linked with the performance of the related LI.
- 4.4 The District Plans have been designed in this way to enable each district to understand the priorities of each of the other districts and to encourage cross boundary working.
- 4.5 An example of the District Plans 2009/2010 has been provided as Appendix A. This District Plan clearly highlights the National Indicators that have already been agreed by the Newcastle district as a priority for the next 12 months.

5 PUBLICATION OF THE DISTRICT PLANS 2009/2010

- 5.1 The District Plans are to be published on the intranet and internet in July 2009 with validated data based on the performance achieved in 2008/2009 and, to achieve this target, all districts will be expected to submit their completed District Plans by the 25th May.

6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The production of the District Plans has an estimated cost of £3,500. This sum has been accounted for within the 2009/2010 revenue budget.

7 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 The Committee is requested to:

- a. Note and endorse the contents of this report.
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BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following background papers refer to the subject matter of the above:

- Newcastle District Plan
- National Indicator Set

