

TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

Item No. 9

MEETING: 17 FEBRUARY 2020

SUBJECT: AUTHORITY MEMBERS DEVELOPMENT AND AWARENESS EVENT

JOINT REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER/CHIEF EXECUTIVE (THE CLERK TO THE AUTHORITY) THE STRATEGIC FINANCE OFFICER AND THE PERSONNEL ADVISOR TO THE AUTHORITY

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to invite Fire and Rescue Service Authority members to attend a development event as part of the ongoing member's development and awareness of Fire and Rescue Service resilience/ specialist assets and resources available to the communities of Tyne and Wear. Members development has been previously discussed at Authority meetings and this seeks to build on this (ref: 06/2019).

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 As part of the ongoing development of Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service Authority, it is proposed to hold a session where the specialist assets and resources of the service can be showcased and their capability explained to members. The range of specialist assets and resources that will be available will include;

Height appliances;
Command Support Unit;
Rope rescue/access;
Swift water rescue;
High Volume Pump;
Heavy Rescue Tender;
Urban Search and Rescue.

- 2.2 In addition to supporting continuing development, the session will also provide an opportunity gain a deeper understanding of how the specialist assets and resources can be used and deployed when necessary across Tyne and Wear and the wider UK if requested and the implications of such deployments on the service.

3 THE DEVELOPMENT EVENT

- 3.1 It is proposed to hold the event on the same day as the Authority meeting scheduled for 15 June 2020. The event would be arranged either prior to or immediately after the Authority meeting. Details of this will be developed in the weeks ahead and circulated to Authority members.

4 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 A risk assessment has been undertaken to ensure that the risk to the Authority has been minimised as far as practicable. The assessment has considered an appropriate balance between risk and control, the realisation of efficiencies, the most appropriate use of limited resources and a comprehensive evaluation of the benefits. The risk to the authority has been assessed as low utilising the standard risk matrix based on control measures being in place.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no financial implications in respect of this report.

6 EQUALITY AND FAIRNESS IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no equality and fairness implications in respect of this report.

7 HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no health and safety implications in respect of this report.

8 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 The Authority is recommended to:
- a) Endorse the contents of this report
 - b) Receive further reports as appropriate.