

TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

MEETING: 10 DECEMBER 2018

**SUBJECT: ITEM 4 SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT – IRMP RESPONSE REVIEW
CONSULTATION PERIOD**

**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 supplementary paper is to draw the attention of Members to requests made by members of the public and FBU representatives to extend the duration of the IRMP response review consultation period by two weeks, until 28th January 2019.
- 1.2 Members are asked to consider this request and determine if the consultation period should be extended as requested.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The IRMP Response Review consultation was launched with the approval of Fire Authority on 5th November 2018 for a period of ten weeks (until 14th January 2019). This period is considered to be proportionate to the change proposed, and consistent with the HM Government Code of Practice for consultation.
- 2.2 To date, there have been multiple requests from members of the public and FBU representatives to extend the consultation period to 12 weeks (until 28th January 2019).
- 2.3 Officers are committed to transparent and meaningful consultation with all key stakeholders in the interests of community safety, and therefore request Members consider the issues raised below.

3 KEY CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 If the consultation period were to be extended by two weeks to 28th January 2019, this may provide additional opportunities for employees, members of the public and stakeholders to share their views.

- 3.2 In view of the Christmas period, and concerns about the integrity of the data contained within the report (raised with Fire Authority and now rectified), Members may determine that such an extension would be advantageous.
- 3.3 However, it should be noted that the current consultation closing date of 14th January 2019 allows sufficient time for robust analysis and interpretation of consultation feedback ahead of reporting to Fire Authority in February 2019.
- 3.4 A longer consultation period is highly likely to delay reporting to Fire Authority until March 2019, with the resulting delay to implementation of one month until May 2019.

4 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 There are no risk management implications in respect of this report.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Members are asked to note that there is a financial implication of delaying implementation by one month until May 2019.

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) Note the contents of this report and determine if the consultation period should be extended as requested.
 - b) Receive further reports as appropriate.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

The under mentioned Background Papers refer to the subject matter of the above report: