

report

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REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT (CPA) FOR THE FIRE SERVICE – ONE DAY SEMINAR

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the one day seminar regarding CPA For The Fire Service and to seek approval for the attendance of Members.

2. BACKGROUND

The Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) process for the fire and rescue services in England began in January 2005. Draft CPA reports will be received from March through to July, with final results due in August 2005.

3. REPORT

3.1 The seminar is to be held at The University of Birmingham on Wednesday 29 June 2005. It is being organised by the Institute of Local Government Studies.

3.2 The seminar aims to assist Members and Officers in their understanding of the reports, in order to respond robustly and take the right next steps. The seminar programme includes inputs from :

- Mollie Bickerstaff – who set up Fire CPA for the Audit Commission, from the design and pilot stages through to training the Commission's CPA reviewers – and hence is best placed to give a thorough insight into the Commission's intentions and techniques, to explain the thinking behind Fire CPA and how Fire Authorities can best benefit from it.
- Tim Bolland – a senior officer with the Avon Fire and Rescue Authority – is currently on secondment to the Audit Commission Fire CPA review teams, and has seen both sides of CPA, having prepared Avon's CPA self-assessment, as well as working as a CPA reviewer on a range of other fire authorities.
- The third input will be from a member of the Fire and Rescue Service Improvement Team in the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, the government team responsible for leading the CPA follow through programme of improvement planning.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of the seminar will be £295 per person. This can be contained within the budgetary provision for Member Conference Expenses.

5. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

There are no personnel implications arising from this report.

6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

An initial assessment has revealed there are no equality issues arising from this report.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk management implications arising from this report.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

That representation by the Fire Authority is made at this seminar on the basis of two members from the majority group and one from the minority group.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR INSPECTION

None.

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