

report

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	FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE	
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REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

KEY OBJECTIVES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To present Committee Members with a range of key objectives, including those drawn from the Community Safety Plan, for consideration. From that work it is proposed that the Committee will agree priorities for action and a means to determine Finance & Resources Committee business planning objectives and processes.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Committee has been established within the revised Governance arrangements to deal with Authority-level responsibilities for finance and resources issues. Terms of Reference have already been approved by the Authority and noted elsewhere in this agenda.
- 2.2 There are a number of priorities to be addressed by the Committee. Some of these priorities have performance targets associated with them.

3. REPORT

- 3.1 The Authority has a number of key objectives as part of its responsibility as a local authority. The Finance & Resources Committee will be acting under the delegated authority of the Combined Fire Authority in consideration of matters relating to its finances and other resources.
- 3.2 There are a number of key areas of delivery linked to the Corporate Plan which the Committee will incorporate into its business. The following list is not in a priority order:
 - Develop the policies within which budget planning will take place ;
 - Approve the outline capital and revenue budgets for presentation to the Fire Authority ;
 - Receive Budget and Prudential Code monitoring reports ;
 - Receive and review the management actions relating to both internal and external audit reports ;
 - Review and approve the Authority's Statement of Internal Control ;
 - Review financial regulations and strategies ;
 - Align Financial Management standards with CPA requirements ;

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific financial implications arising from this report, however the Finance and Resources Committee has a clear remit to contribute to the overall standards of financial management within the Authority.

5. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

There are no personnel implications arising from this report.

6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

There are no issues affecting equalities arising from this report.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

One of the key risks facing the Authority relates to the ability to fund the outcomes of the Community Safety Plan and other corporate plans. The work of the Finance and Resources Committee will contribute significantly to the management of this risk.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that :

- 8.1 A Finance & Resources Committee Business Plan is produced, detailing objectives based on the delivery areas in Section 3 above ;
- 8.2 This report is forwarded to the Policy and Strategy Committee and presented to the Authority with the Business Plan.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR INSPECTION

- Community Safety Plan 2006-2009 ;
- Report to Fire Authority : 24 February 2006 – Implementation of Revised Governance Structures ;
- Report to Fire Authority : 21 October 2005 – Governance.

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