

## **LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY**

Meeting to be held on 17 December 2018

### **NOTES OF STRATEGY GROUP HELD ON MONDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 2018**

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#### **Executive Summary**

Report on proceedings of Lancashire Combined Fire Authority Strategy Group held at the Service Training Centre, Euxton on Monday, 5 November 2018.

#### **Recommendation**

That the Authority note the proceedings as set out in this report.

#### PRESENT:

##### Councillors

P Britcliffe

I Brown

F De Molfetta (Chairman)

J Eaton

S Holgate

F Jackson

A Kay

D O'Toole

M Parkinson (Vice-Chair)

M Perks

J Shedwick

D Smith

D Stansfield

G Wilkins

T Williams

In attendance

Hilary Banks – Independent Person

#### **Information**

##### 1/18 FINANCIAL UPDATE

The Chief Fire Officer welcomed Members to the meeting and then introduced the Director of Corporate Services who presented Members with a financial update which included: areas of uncertainty around the future of national and local funding, details of planned expenditure, a number of council tax options and associated funding gaps, details of savings made, reserves held and identified risks.

2/18 HMICFRS FINDINGS

The Deputy Chief Fire Officer presented to Members an update on Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) outcomes which included the Services current position and the next steps. He reminded Members that the inspection was focused primarily on three pillars; Effectiveness, Efficiency and People and each area would be graded as Outstanding, Good, Requires Improvement or Inadequate. It was noted that the report would be released to the public on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

3/18 COLLABORATION

The Deputy Chief Fire Officer updated Members on the blue light collaboration progress, national best practice and business as usual activities. Members would be kept updated and progress was reported to the Authority through the Planning Committee.

4/18 MEMBERS USE OF ITRENT

The Director of Corporate Services discussed the benefits of the system and agreed with Members that training would be provided during February and March 2019 with the aim of going live for April 2019 claims.

5/18 IDRP STAGE 2 - DCP PENSIONABILITY

The Director of People and Development presented a report that outlined the background and current position in respect of the pensionability of the Day Crewing Plus Allowance as reported to the last Resources Committee.

6/18 GENERAL PENSIONS UPDATE

The Director of People and Development presented Members with details of the potential implications for the Authority following a Parliamentary update on 6 September 2018 on the actuarial valuations of the public service pension schemes which included the likely consequences of the valuations for employer contribution rates and member benefits.

7/18 EXECUTIVE BOARD AWAY DAY UPDATE

The Chief Fire Officer advised that following a recent Away Day for the Executive Board the Service was working on the Annual Service Plan which would be reported to the Authority through the Planning Committee.

**Business Risk**

None

**Environmental Impact**

None

**Equality and Diversity Implications**

None

**HR Implications**

None

**Financial Implications**

None

**Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985  
List of Background Papers**

Paper	Date	Contact
N/A		
Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate:		

M NOLAN  
Clerk to CFA  
LFRS HQ  
Fulwood