

Committee Work Plan 2016/17

Report of the Chief Fire Officer

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1 Purpose of Report

This report reviews progress against the Strategy and Resources Committee 2015/16 Work Plan and puts forward a 2016/17 Work Plan for consideration and approval by Members.

2 Recommendations

Members are asked to:

- a) Note progress made against the Strategy and Resources Committee 2015/16 Work Plan; and
- b) Approve the Work Plan for 2016/17, attached as an appendix, subject to any amendments / comments they may wish to make.

3 Background

Since March 2009 the business of the Strategy and Resources Committee has been conducted in accordance with an annual Work Plan. The Plan sets out in a structured manner what the Committee's activities will be throughout the year, thus ensuring that the responsibilities imposed by its terms of reference will be carried out in a timely manner and that no deadlines will be missed.

The draft 2016/17 Work Plan is attached as an appendix to this report for consideration by the Committee.

4 Review of 2015/16 Work Plan

Having carried out a review of the 2015/16 Work Plan, officers can confirm that all of the activities, listed in the Plan, have been carried out or are on the agenda for this meeting, with the exception of those listed on the following page.

Item 2 report on financial performance July 2015

In the first part of the financial year officers are occupied with preparing the Statement of Accounts and do not provide their first monitoring report until June. In light of this there is very little financial information for the Committee to receive in July.

Item 7 Report on Integrated Risk Management / 2020 Planning September 2015

Rather than report to the September meeting of the Committee and then on to the full Fire Authority, officers provided a comprehensive presentation to the Fire Authority at its meeting on 7 October 2015 on the following projects:

- Staffing Model Review
- Fire Control Review
- Review of Telford Central site requirements

Item 10 report on capital activity and finance November 2015

The Committee received a report on capital activity and finance in September 2015. As only two months had elapsed, when the November meeting of the Committee took place, there was little, additional information to present to the Committee.

Item 11 report on corporate risk management November 2015

The Committee received a report in September 2015 on corporate risk management, so similarly to the above, there was little, additional information to present to the Committee at the November meeting.

In future it is proposed that, rather than present separate reports on corporate risk, officers will include consideration of corporate risk in the reports on financial performance and on provisions and reserves. This will enable the Committee to focus on any risks, which have the potential to affect its decision making.

Item 22 report on capital activity and finance March 2016

The Committee received a report in February 2016, so similarly to the above, there is little, additional information to present to the Committee at this March meeting.

In light of this officers propose that, in the Work Plan for the forthcoming year, reports on capital activity and finance are presented to the Committee in September and February.

5 Proposed 2016/17 Work Plan

During the review officers also considered what activities should be included in the next Work Plan, taking into account any recent developments. Attached as an appendix to this report is a draft 2016/17 Work Plan, outlining all of the actions which, it is expected, the Committee will need to carry out during the coming year.

The Committee is asked to provide any comments or suggestions with regard to the attached draft Work Plan and approve the contents.

6 Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications attached to the approval of the Work Plan itself. There may, however, be financial implications associated with a number of the actions listed, for which individual reports will be brought to the Committee as necessary, detailing those specific implications.

7 Legal Comment

The Strategy and Resources Committee is not legally required to have in place a Work Plan. This does, however, represent good practice. The decision to approve the Work Plan will not affect the discretion of the Committee during the forthcoming year, as it can, at subsequent meetings, decide to amend the Work Plan, if it is necessary to do so.

8 Initial Impact Assessment

This report provides only historical information and sets out a series of actions to be completed over the coming year. An Initial Impact Assessment has not, therefore, been completed. It is possible, however, that such assessments may be required in respect of individual actions contained within the Work Plan, in which case they will be completed at the appropriate time.

9 Equality Impact Assessment

Officers have considered the Service's Brigade Order on Equality Impact Assessments (Human Resources 5 Part 2) and have decided that there are no discriminatory practices or differential impacts upon specific groups arising from this report. An Initial Equality Impact Assessment is not, therefore, required.

10 Appendix

Strategy and Resources Committee Proposed Work Plan 2016/17

11 Background Papers

There are no background papers associated with this report.

Strategy and Resources Committee Proposed Work Plan April 2016 to March 2017

	Action	Who is responsible	Completion date
1	Receive a report on the constitution of the Committee and consider any training required by Members	Strategy and Resources Committee, assisted by the Corporate Support Manager	September 2016
2	Receive a report on financial performance, including consideration of corporate risk, virements, and exemptions from Contract Standing Orders, and make recommendations to the Fire Authority	Strategy and Resources Committee, assisted by the Treasurer, Head of Finance and Planning, Performance and Communications Manager	September 2016 Recommendations to go to the October 2016 meeting of the Fire Authority
3	Receive a report on capital activity and finance	Planning, Performance and Communications Manager	September 2016
4	Receive a report on financial performance, including consideration of corporate risk, virements, and exemptions from Contract Standing Orders, receive the annual treasury review 2015/16 and the mid-year treasury review 2016/17 and make recommendations to the Fire Authority	Strategy and Resources Committee, assisted by the Treasurer, Head of Finance and Planning, Performance and Communications Manager	November 2016 Recommendations to go to the December 2016 meeting of the Fire Authority
5	Receive a report on provisions, reserves and funds, including consideration of corporate risk, and make recommendations to the Fire Authority	Strategy and Resources Committee, assisted by the Treasurer and Head of Finance	November 2016 Recommendations to go to the December 2016 meeting of the Fire Authority

	Action	Who is responsible	Completion date
6	<p>Approve 2017/18 and later years' revenue and capital budget outlines for consideration by the Fire Authority, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Base budget review and committed changes; • Pay and price contingencies; • Capital Programme 2017/18 to 2020/21; • Funding assumptions; and • Recommendations of the Strategic Risk and Planning Working Group, where appropriate <p>and make recommendations to the Fire Authority</p>	<p>Strategy and Resources Committee, assisted by Treasurer and Head of Finance, unless otherwise stated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Fire Officer and Planning, Performance and Communications Manager • Chief Fire Officer 	<p>November 2016</p> <p>Recommendations to go to the December 2016 meeting of the Fire Authority</p>

7	<p>Receive a report on financial performance, including consideration of corporate risk, virements, and exemptions from Contract Standing Orders, and make recommendations to the Fire Authority</p>	<p>Strategy and Resources Committee, assisted by the Treasurer, Head of Finance and Planning, Performance and Communications Manager</p>	<p>February 2017</p> <p>Recommendations to go to the February 2017 meeting of the Fire Authority</p>
8	<p>Receive a report on revisions to the 2017/18 revenue budget, including recommendations from the StRaP Working Group, and make recommendations to the Fire Authority</p>	<p>Strategy and Resources Committee, assisted by the Treasurer and Head of Finance</p>	<p>February 2017</p> <p>Recommendations to go to the February 2017 meeting of the Fire Authority</p>
9	<p>Receive a report on the Capital Programme 2017/18 to 2020/21, including Prudential Guidelines, Treasury Management Practices and the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy, and make recommendations to the Fire Authority</p>	<p>Strategy and Resources Committee, assisted by the Treasurer and Head of Finance</p>	<p>February 2017</p> <p>Recommendations to go to the February 2017 meeting of the Fire Authority</p>

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10	Consider the adequacy of provisions and reserves and robustness of the budget, including corporate risk, and make recommendations to the Fire Authority	Strategy and Resources Committee, assisted by the Treasurer and Head of Finance	February 2017 Recommendations to go to the February 2017 meeting of the Fire Authority
11	Receive a report on capital activity and finance	Planning, Performance and Communications Manager	February 2017
12	Approve the Committee's 2017/18 Work Plan	Strategy and Resources Committee, assisted by the Head of Finance and Corporate Support Manager	March 2017
13	Review Terms of Reference of the Committee	Strategy and Resources Committee, assisted by the Head of Finance and Corporate Support Manager	March 2017 Recommendations to go to the June 2017 Annual Meeting of the Fire Authority
14	Officers to review Role Descriptions for the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee and the Chair of the Strategic Risk and Planning Working Group	Corporate Support Manager Report to be brought to the Committee, only if significant changes are required	March 2017
15	Agree Service Targets for 2017/18	Strategy and Resources Committee, assisted by the Planning, Performance and Communications Manager	March 2017
16	Ensure provision of appropriate training for all Members of the Committee	Chief Fire Officer, Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Treasurer, Head of Finance and external agencies, where appropriate	Ongoing