

Committee Work Plan 2017/18

Report of the Chief Fire Officer

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1 Purpose of Report

This report reviews progress against the 2016/17 Work Plan for the Standards and Human Resources Committee and puts forward a 2017/18 Work Plan for the Committee's consideration and approval.

2 Recommendations

Members are asked to consider and approve the 2017/18 Work Plan, attached as an appendix, subject to any amendments / comments they may wish to make.

3 Background

For a number of years, the business of the Human Resources and the Standards Committees has been conducted in accordance with an annual Work Plan. The Plans have set out, in a structured manner, what the activities will be throughout the year for the Committee, thus ensuring that the responsibilities imposed by its terms of reference are carried out in a timely manner.

4 Draft 2017/18 Work Plan

Attached as an appendix to this report is a draft 2017/18 Work Plan, outlining all of the activities 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 draft and approve the contents.

5 Review of 2016/17 Work Plan

Having carried out a review of the 2016/17 Work Plan, officers can confirm that all activities, listed in the Plan, have been carried out or on the agenda for this meeting of the Committee.

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

There is no legal requirement for the Standards and Human Resources Committee to have a Work Plan but it does 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

The Work Plan merely lists the work to be conducted by the Committee throughout the year. An Initial Impact Assessment has not, therefore, been completed. It is possible, however, that such assessments may be required in respect of individual activities contained in the Work Plan, which would be completed at the appropriate time.

9 Equality Impact Assessment

As there are no discriminatory practices or differential impacts upon specific groups arising from this report, an Initial Equality Impact Assessment has not been completed. As stated above, however, assessments may be required from time to time in respect of individual actions contained in the Work Plan.

10 Appendix

Standards and Human Resources Committee Proposed Work Plan 2017/18

11 Background Papers

There are no background papers associated with this report.

**Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority
Standards and Human Resources Committee**

Proposed Work Plan 2017/18

	Action	Who is responsible	Completion Date
1	Receive a report on the constitution of the Committee to ensure that all new Members are aware of their roles and responsibilities	Head of Human Resources and Administration	October 2017
2	Review Code of Conduct and recommend any changes to the Fire Authority	Head of Human Resources and Administration Report to be brought to the Committee, only if significant changes are required.	October 2017 Any proposed changes to go to December Fire Authority meeting
3	Officers to review Code of Conduct complaints documentation and publicity	Monitoring Officer and Head of Human Resources and Administration Report to be brought to the Committee, only if significant changes are required.	October 2017
4	Officers to review/ update Fire Authority Members' Register of Interest forms	Head of Human Resources and Administration Report to be brought to the Committee, only if significant changes are required	October 2017
5	Officers to review Committee Dispensations Procedure and Application Form	Head of Human Resources and Administration Report to be brought to the Committee, only if significant changes are required	October 2017
6	Receive annual report on work of the Equality and Diversity Steering Group	Equality and Diversity Officer	October 2017

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7	Receive progress report on Fairness Respect Equality Shropshire (FRESH) Shropshire.	Equality and Diversity Officer	October 2017
8	Receive report on occupational health provision	Human Resources Manager (Contracts)	October 2017

9	Review the Committee's constitution and training needs	Committee, assisted by the Assistant Chief Fire Officer and Head of Human Resources and Administration	March 2018 Any proposed changes to go to April Fire Authority meeting
10	Officers to review Role Descriptions for the chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee and Role Description and Skills and Competencies of the Independent Person	Head of Human Resources and Administration Report to be brought to the committee, only if significant changes are required	March 2018
11	Approve the Committee's 2017/2018 Work Plan	Committee, assisted by the Assistant Chief Fire Officer and Head of Human Resources and Administration	March 2018
12	Receive a report on Member Development	Assistant Chief Fire Officer	March 2018
13	Officers to review Protocol on Member / Officer Relations	Head of Human Resources and Administration Report to be brought to the Committee, only if significant changes are required	March 2018 Any proposed changes to go to April Fire Authority meeting

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14	Review Protocol on Gifts and Hospitality for Members	Head of Human Resources and Administration Report to be brought to the Committee, only if significant changes are required	March 2018 Any proposed changes to go to April Fire Authority meeting
15	Provide update on Code of Conduct Complaints	Head of Human Resources and Administration	March 2018
16	Receive progress report on implementation of Single Equality Scheme Action Plan	Equality and Diversity Officer	March 2018
17	Receive report on equality monitoring statistics	Equality and Diversity Officer	March 2018
18	Receive update report on reasonable adjustments	Equality and Diversity Officer	March 2018

19	Deal with dispensation applications	Committee and Monitoring Officer	As and when applications are made
20	Receive summary of Hearings Panel and Pensions Panel decisions	Committee and Head of Human Resources and Administration	As and when required
21	Receive reports on the outcome of staff surveys and audits	Committee and appropriate officers	As and when required
22	Ensure provision of appropriate training and development for all Members of the Fire Authority and Independent Persons	Committee, Monitoring Officer and Assistant Chief Fire Officer	Ongoing responsibility