

## Service Plan 2013/14 (Internet / Web Based)

### Report of the Chief Fire Officer

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### 1 Purpose of Report

This report presents the proposed internet / web based Service Plan for 2013/14.

### 2 Recommendation

The Fire Authority is asked to consider and approve the proposed Service Plan 2013/14.

### 3 Background

In recent years the Fire Authority, largely through the Public Value process, has sought to simplify and streamline the content and publication of the annual Service Plan. The Service Plan acts as a forward looking document, setting out the Authority's purpose, priorities, aims and performance measures for Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service. The Plan is supplemented by a backward looking Annual Report<sup>1</sup> that summarises the Authority's performance against the contents of the previous year's Plan.

During 2012 the Coalition Government published a new Fire and Rescue Service National Framework<sup>2</sup>, which has implications for the Authority's previous approach to the development and publication of both the Service Plan and Annual Report. The implications identified were presented to the Fire Authority earlier this year, with agreement reached that the Strategy and Resources Committee will continue to oversee preparation of the Service Plan, and the Audit and Performance Management Committee will oversee the Annual Report.

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.shropshirefire.gov.uk/sites/alpha.shropshirefire.gov.uk/files/page/files/Annual-Report-2011-12.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fire-and-rescue-national-framework-for-england>

A summary Service Plan 2013/14<sup>3</sup> (approved by the Fire Authority) has been published, with the proviso that a more detailed Plan be prepared.

#### **4 Web / Internet Based Service Plan 2013/14**

To support the summary Service Plan a more detailed Plan has been prepared and made available via the Service's website. The Plan is intended to act as a 'signpost', pointing the reader to more detailed information elsewhere on the website or other linked sites. Publishing the Plan on the website enables a flexible approach to be taken to updating the contents as and when required to reflect the changing environment in which the Service operates.

The Plan may be viewed at:

<https://www.shropshirefire.gov.uk/managing-the-service/planning-and-performance/annual-service-plan>

#### **5 Financial Implications**

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

#### **6 Legal Comment**

Section 21 of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 provides the statutory authority for the Fire Service National Framework and requires Fire Authorities to have regard to the Framework in carrying out their functions. The detailed Service Plan sets out the Authority's strategies to address the requirements of the Framework.

#### **7 Initial Impact Assessment**

An initial Impact Assessment has been completed.

#### **8 Background Papers**

**Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority**  
13 February 2013, Paper 14,  
Preparation of Annual Service Plan and Statement of Assurance

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.shropshirefire.gov.uk/sites/alpha.shropshirefire.gov.uk/files/page/files/2013-03-01-service-plan.pdf>