

Medium Term Financial Plan 2008/09 to 2011/12

Report of the Chief Fire Officer

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1 Purpose of Report

The report seeks the Fire Authority's approval to the contents and publication of the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) for 2008/09 to 2011/12.

2 Recommendations

The Fire Authority is recommended:

- a) To approve the MTFP attached as an Appendix to this report; and
- b) To delegate authority to the Chief Fire Officer and Treasurer, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair, to make minor amendments to the MTFP prior to publication if necessary.

3 Background

Last June, the Fire Authority approved the publication of a revised MTFP based on good practice advice from the Audit Commission. It also confirmed that the MTFP should continue to be updated annually and published in conjunction with the Performance Plan.

At a meeting of the Strategy and Resources Committee on 6 March 2008, Members of that Committee:

- Agreed the proposed structure for the latest update of the Fire Authority's MTFP;
- Agreed that the period covered by the Plan be extended from three to four years, to take full account of the agreed capital expenditure at the St. Michael's Street site; and

- Agreed that the completed MTFP should be the subject of an Equalities Impact Assessment.

At their following meeting on 22 May 2008, Members of the Strategy and Resources Committee received a detailed presentation from the Chief Fire Officer and Treasurer outlining the proposed contents of the latest version of the MTFP for the period 2008/09 to 2011/12. In agreeing the contents of the Plan, Members of the Committee also requested that the a seminar be held prior to the full Fire Authority meeting in June 2008 in order that all Members would be given the opportunity to discuss the Plan (and also the Statement of Accounts) prior to the meeting.

4 The Proposed Plan

The proposed MTFP for 2008/09 to 2011/12 (as described in the earlier seminar) is attached as an Appendix for consideration by Members who are recommended to agree to adopt the Plan for the coming year.

With Member's approval and in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair, it is proposed that the Chief Fire Officer and Treasurer will undertake a final review of the Plan to ensure that it links appropriately to the contents of both the Corporate Plan 2008/09 (published in April 2008), and the Annual Report 2007/08 which is described later on this agenda.

5 Financial Implications

There are no implications other than those set out in the report and in the MTFP.

6 Legal Comment

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

7 Equality Impact Assessment

Officers have considered the Service's Brigade Order on Equality Impact Assessments (Personnel 5 Part 2) and have decided that there are no discriminatory practices or differential impacts upon specific groups arising from this report. As described within the report, however, the MTFP has been subjected to an Equality Impact Assessment which is detailed at the end of the Plan.

8 Appendix

Draft Medium Term Financial Plan 2008/09 to 2011/12

9 Background Papers

Strategy and Resources Committee

6 March 2008, Report 5 - Medium Term Financial Plan 2008/09 to 2011/12

22 May 2008, Report 5 - Medium Term Financial Plan 2008/09 to 2011/12

Implications of all of the following have been considered and, where they are significant (i.e. marked with an asterisk), the implications are detailed within the report itself.

Balanced Score Card		Integrated Risk Management Planning	
Business Continuity Planning		Legal	*
Capacity		Member Involvement	
Civil Contingencies Act		National Framework	
Comprehensive Performance Assessment	*	Operational Assurance	
Efficiency Savings		Retained	
Environmental		Risk and Insurance	
Financial	*	Staff	
Fire Control/Fire Link		Strategic Planning	*
Information Communications and Technology		West Midlands Regional Management Board	
Freedom of Information / Data Protection / Environmental Information		Equality Impact Assessment	*