

Strategy and Resources Committee Work Plan 2026/27

Report of the Chief Fire Officer

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1 Purpose of Report

This report puts forward the Strategy and Resource's Committee's 2026/27 Work Plan for consideration and approval by Members.

2 Recommendations

The Fire Authority is asked to approve the 2026/27 Work Plan (attached at the appendix to this report), subject to any amendments / comments they may wish to make.

3 Background

Since March 2009, the Committee has approved an annual Work Plan. The Plan sets out, in a structured way, what its activities will be throughout the year, thus ensuring that its legal obligations and constitutional responsibilities are carried out in a timely manner, that no deadlines are missed and that, as far as possible, business is distributed fairly evenly between each year's ordinary meetings.

4 Proposed 2026/27 Work Plan

Attached at the appendix to this report is a draft 2026/27 Work Plan, outlining all the actions which, it is expected, the Strategy and Resources Committee will need to carry out during the coming year.

The format of the Work Plan has been amended to make the information in it clearer to the users. A column has also been added to indicate who will present the report at the Authority meeting.

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

5 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 Fire Authority as necessary, detailing those specific implications.

6 Legal Comment

The Fire Authority is not legally required to have in place a Work Plan. This is, however, considered to be 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.

7 Initial Impact Assessment

This report merely sets out the Committee's Work Plan for the coming year. An Initial Impact Assessment is not, therefore, required.

It is possible, however, that such assessments may be required in respect of individual actions contained within the Work Plan, which would be completed at the appropriate time.

8 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 specifically from this report. An Initial Equality Impact Assessment has not, therefore, been completed.

Again, it is possible that such assessments may be required in respect of individual actions contained within the Work Plan and these will be completed at the appropriate time.

9 Appendix

Proposed Strategy and Resources Committee Work Plan 2026/275/26

10 Background Papers

There are no background papers associated with this report.