

CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY

MEETING OF: CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY
DATE: 22ND JUNE 2022
REPORT OF: HEAD OF PREVENTION AND PROTECTION
AUTHOR: LEE SHEARS

SUBJECT: SPRINKLER PLEDGE AND PROPOSED
SPRINKLER MOTION

Purpose of Report

1. To ask Members to confirm the Authority's sprinkler pledge and to provide a proposed sprinkler motion for consideration by Members with a view to it being tabled at the respective constituent authorities.

Recommended: That

- [1] The sprinkler pledge be approved
- [2] The wording of the sprinkler motion be approved

Background

2. A sprinkler pledge, which demonstrates the Fire Authority's commitment to promoting the installation of sprinklers in more buildings, was agreed, in principle, at the Members' Planning Meeting in April 2022.
3. Members also previously agreed, in principle, to table a sprinkler motion at their constituent authority's council meeting, which is intended to further the Authority's sprinkler ambitions.
4. A draft sprinkler motion was presented to members at the Members' Planning Meeting in April 2022 and discussions took place about the wording.
5. It was agreed that the Member Sprinkler Group would revise the wording based on the discussions at Members' Planning Meeting and submit the proposed sprinkler motion to the Authority in June.

Information

6. The Authority's sprinkler pledge is attached to this report as Appendix 1, for formal approval.

7. The Member Sprinkler Group has agreed a form of words for the sprinkler motion. This is attached to this report as Appendix 2.
8. Members could choose to adapt the sprinkler motion in their respective areas, e.g. by adding types of buildings to the list, but officers believe that this may be unhelpful. Ideally, there should be a consistent approach across Cheshire.
9. A discussion took place at the Members' Planning Meeting and it was suggested that the respective Lead Members could take this forward.

Financial Implications

10. The sprinkler pledge advocates that the Authority should lead by example by installing sprinklers in all of its new build properties. Fitting sprinklers in new build properties is likely to increase the costs of the projects however, it is a position the Authority already takes for its new build fire stations.

Legal Implications

11. There are no legal implications associated with this paper

Equality and Diversity Implications

12. There are no equality or diversity implications associated with this paper

Environmental Implications

13. There are no environmental impacts from this paper

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: NONE