

CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY

MEETING OF: PERFORMANCE AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE
DATE: 16TH NOVEMBER 2016
REPORT OF: HEAD OF OPERATIONAL POLICY AND ASSURANCE
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SUBJECT: ANNUAL HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING
REPORT 2015-16

Purpose of Report

1. To present Cheshire Fire Authority's (the Authority) Annual Health and Safety Report for 2015-16.

Recommended: That

- [1] the Annual Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report for 2015-16 be noted.

Background

2. The Fire Authority, as the employer, is the duty holder for health and safety (H&S). The Authority has appointed a member champion for health and safety who attends the Service Health Safety and Welfare Committee and so has an insight into the management of health and safety. Nevertheless, it is seen as an important aspect of corporate governance that the duty holder reviews the management of health and safety on a regular basis.
3. The Annual Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report provides the Authority with information about the management of health and safety in the Service. It highlights some of the key achievements and reports on both reactive and proactive measures of performance. The Report also sets out some of the health and safety targets for the coming year.

Information

4. Publication of an annual report is a factor for consideration in the Key Areas of Assessment in the Operational Assessment and Fire Peer Challenge and would contribute to the requirements of the Performance Review element of the DCLG publication "Health safety and welfare framework for the operational environment".

Financial Implications

6. There are no financial implications arising from the publication of this report.

Legal Implications

7. Whilst there is no specific legal requirement to publish an annual report it is seen as best practice in the Health and Safety Executive publication HS(G)65 Managing for Health and Safety at Work.

Equality and Diversity Implications

8. There are no equality and diversity issues arising from the publication of this report.

Environmental Implications

9. There are no environmental issues arising from the publication of this report.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: NONE