

# CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY

**MEETING OF:** PERFORMANCE AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE  
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**REPORT OF:** HEAD OF OPERATIONAL POLICY AND ASSURANCE  
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**SUBJECT:** ANNUAL HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING REPORT  
2018 - 19

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## Purpose of Report

1. To present Cheshire Fire Authority's (the Authority) Annual Health and Safety Report for 2018 - 19.

## Recommended: That

- [1] the Annual Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report for 2018-19 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 Wellbeing 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 considered to be part of good Corporate Governance and contributes to the requirements of the Performance Review element of the DCLG publication "Health safety and welfare framework for the operational environment". This annual report will provide evidence in support of the Authority involvement in the management of health and safety in any future inspections.

## Financial Implications

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

## **Legal Implications**

6. 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**

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

## **Environmental Implications**

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

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS: ANNUAL HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT**