



**Report**

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Report Title:

***Fire and Rescue Service Lead Officer Progress Report***

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Summary:




On 29<sup>th</sup> March 2007 the WMRMB approved the establishment of a Fire and Rescue Service Lead Officer post for a period of one year with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007 on a part time basis.

It was agreed that the post holder should submit quarterly progress reports to the WMRMB Programme Board and the first report is attached for information.

Recommendation(s):

The Programme Board is requested to note the contents of the progress report.

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## **1. Background Details:**

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## **2. Financial Implications:**

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There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

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## **3. Background Papers:**

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Minutes of WMRMB Programme Board, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2007.

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## **4. Attachments:**

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Fire and Rescue Service Lead Officer progress report.

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<b>FRS Lead Officer Progress Report</b> <b>Period : April - June 2007 (1/2)</b>	
Capacity Building Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Led and facilitated regional approach to draw down £140,000 funding</li> <li>• Reported outcomes for CFO's scrutiny</li> <li>• Commenced preparatory work with project leads</li> <li>• Submitted final recommendation to Programme Board</li> <li>• Acted as link between region and Regional Improvement &amp; Efficiency Partnership (RIEP)</li> </ul>
Local Area Agreements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing intelligence gathering and sharing as appropriate</li> <li>• Update sessions delivered to Shropshire, Staffordshire, Hereford &amp; Worcester and West Midlands FRSs</li> <li>• Arranged CFOs discussion forum with Assistant Director, Local Government, Places Directorate</li> <li>• Consulted by CLG re approach in WM Region and development of seminars and guidance</li> </ul>
Raising Profile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Briefing to Places Directorate re current performance in Region</li> <li>• Performance also raised in all staff briefing chaired by Regional Director</li> <li>• Discussions with Director, Community Safety re RMB briefing and potential for training in Region</li> <li>• Discussions with IDeA re RMB briefing</li> <li>• Discussions with Dept of Health re FRS input into Regional Child Safety Workshop in Autumn</li> <li>• FRS issues raised in Places Directorate Team Meetings</li> <li>• Input at RIEP strategic co-ordination group</li> </ul>
Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performance in region collated into table and shared in region</li> <li>• Update meeting with Audit Commission Regional Service Lead planned for July</li> </ul>

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**FRS Lead Officer Progress Report**  
**Period : April - June 2007 (2/2)**

Ministerial Visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accompanied Angela Smith on visit to Hereford and Worcester FRS</li><li>• Provided local briefing and assisted Ministerial Business Team in planning</li></ul>
Dissemination of Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Schedule of update meetings with CFOs</li><li>• Schedule of update meetings with WMRMB Chair</li><li>• Information disseminated:-<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Commission on Integration and Cohesion – Our Shared Future</li><li>○ Regional Health and Well Being Strategy Consultation</li><li>○ Link to IDeA Members' toolkit</li><li>○ Regional Economic Strategy Consultation</li><li>○ Planning White Paper briefing note</li><li>○ Compacts briefing note</li><li>○ Round 9 Beacons information</li><li>○ FRS HR workshops information</li><li>○ Community cohesion briefing notes</li><li>○ Respect handbook</li><li>○ Home Office "Community Engagement" development and practice report</li><li>○ Timetable for production of next FRS Framework document</li></ul></li></ul>