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Report Title:

WMRMB Programme Plan 2008/09

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Summary:

Appended to this report is the draft **WMRMB Programme Plan 2008/09** which sets out proposals for the delivery of this region's activities to deliver the requirements of the new Fire and Rescue Service National Framework 2008-11.

Recommendation(s):

WMRMB are requested to:

1. Note and approve the contents of the draft Programme Plan, and if acceptable:
 - a. Appoint Senior Responsible Owners and Lead Officers to each of the following project areas:
 - **Resilience**
 - **Resources & Development**
 - **Procurement**
 - **Shared Services**
 - b. Approve a Programme budget of £40k for 2008/09 (£8k per Fire and Rescue Authority).
2. Receive at the next meeting of WMRMB a final Programme Plan that incorporates any changes arising from the finalised National Framework.

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1. Background Details:

The Fire and Rescue Service National Framework 2008–11 (<http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/fire/pdf/nf200811consultation>) sets out Government's priorities and objectives for the Fire and Rescue Service. The requirements of the new National Framework have been reviewed and a draft WMRMB Programme Plan 2008/09 has been developed that contains a portfolio of four overarching strategic projects streams:

- **Resilience**
- **Resources & Development**
- **Procurement**
- **Shared Services**

These project streams operate on a *task and finish basis* where appropriate, and are to be led by Members or Brigade Managers acting as Senior Responsible Owners.

It must be noted that the Plan's contents may be subject to change to reflect any amendments arising within the final version of the National Framework (publication expected late May 2008). The Programme Plan will be updated, as applicable, and presented to the AGM of WMRMB as a final Plan, and thereafter, amended on an annual basis to take account of recommendations generated by the aforesaid project streams and/or subsequent changes to the National Framework.

This region's Local Authority Controlled Company now assumes responsibility for the management and delivery of the regional fire control centre on behalf of the region's fire and rescue authorities.

2. Legal Implications:

The Fire Services Act 2004 stipulates that FRAs - *'must have regard to the Framework in carrying out their functions'* (Part 3, Section 21 (7)).

3. Financial Implications:

Financial implications arising are set out within the appended Programme Plan (Section 7.).

4. Background Papers:

- Fire and Rescue Service Circular 52/2007 (issued 14 November 2007)
- Fire and Rescue Service National Framework 2008-11 (Consultation Document)

5. Attachments:

Appendix: WMRMB Programme Plan 2008/09 Version 0.4 DRAFT
