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WMRMB Programme Plan 2008/09

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Summary:

Appended to this report is the draft **WMRMB Programme Plan 2008/09 (Version 6)** 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:

- Discuss, amend and approve the contents of the draft Programme Plan as appropriate.
- Approve a Programme budget of £80k for 2008/09 (£16k per Fire and Rescue Authority).

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1. Background Details:

The Fire and Rescue Service National Framework 2008–11 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 Brigade Managers acting as Senior Responsible Owners.

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 10.).

4. Background Papers:

- Fire and Rescue Service Circular 22/2008 (issued 20th May 2008)
- Fire and Rescue Service National Framework 2008-11 (issued 20th May 2008)

accessible at:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/fire/pdf/nationalframework200811.pdf>

5. Attachments:

Appendix: WMRMB Programme Plan 2008/09 Version 0.6 DRAFT
