



## Report

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Report Title:

### *WMRMB Programme Plan 2009/10*

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#### Summary:

Appended to this report is the draft **WMRMB Programme Plan 2009/10 (Version 0.2)** which sets out proposals for the delivery of this region's revised 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.
- Delegate responsibility to Brigade Managers (*acting as Senior Responsible Owners*) together with lead officers to scope, review and agree the key tasks necessary to deliver the Programme Plan's project streams (*forming alignment to CFOA regional activities where applicable to reduce duplication of effort*).
- Request Brigade Managers and/or lead officers to prepare and present progress reports/presentations at three-monthly intervals.
- Approve the formal close-down of the WMRMB Programme Office.

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## 1. Background Details:

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The Fire and Rescue Service National Framework 2008–11 sets out Government's priorities and objectives for the Fire and Rescue Service. A further review of the requirements of the National Framework has been undertaken and a revised programme of activity that contains a portfolio of five overarching strategic projects streams has been prepared:

- a) **Operational Response**
- b) **Prevention and Protection**
- c) **Human Resources**
- d) **Performance & Improvement**
- e) **Regional Control Centre**

These project streams, as set out in the appended WMRMB Programme Plan, operate on a *task and finish basis* where appropriate, and are led by Brigade Managers acting as *Senior Responsible Owners*. To secure synergy and consistency of approach the first four WMRMB projects (a-d) have been aligned to Chief Fire Officer Association's (CFOA) national business model.<sup>1</sup>

As a departure from previous years, progress against the Programme Plan will be managed and monitored by the Programme Board, with the Programme Office function disbanded.

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## 2. Legal Implications:

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

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## 3. Financial Implications:

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Financial implications arising are set out within the appended Programme Plan (Section 10. p10).

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## 4. Background Papers:

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

accessible at:

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

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## 5. Attachments:

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Appendix: WMRMB Programme Plan 2009/10 Version 0.2 DRAFT

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<sup>1</sup> Available at: <http://www.cfoa.org.uk/10122>