

AGENDA ITEM:

REPORT TO:	MERSEYSIDE FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY MEETING
DATE:	18TH MARCH, 2010
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SUBJECT:	ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANS (AMP)

APPENDIX A	TITLE: STRATEGIC AMP
APPENDIX B	TITLE: ICT AMP
APPENDIX C	TITLE: PROPERTY ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN
C A1	TITLE: ESTATES STRATEGY - OUTLINE REPORT
C A2	TITLE: ESTATES TEAM SCOPE
C B	TITLE: ESTATES DIRECTOR - JOB PROFILE
APPENDIX D	TITLE: VEHICLES AMP
D1	TITLE: APPLIANCE FLEET LIST

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***A GLOSSARY OF TERMS HAS BEEN PROVIDED AT THE END OF THIS REPORT FOR YOUR REFERENCE.**

Purpose of Report

1. To present updated versions of the Authority's key Asset Management Plans.

Recommendation

2. It is recommended that the Authority approve the plans.

Introduction & Background

3. The Authority manages a large complex and valuable infrastructure of assets in order to support the delivery of its key services.

4. This includes :-
 - 27 fire stations and a Training Academy.
 - 42 front line appliances supported with specialist vehicles and an ancillary fleet.
 - an ICT Network Infrastructure and various systems that operate across the network including MACC.
5. It is vital that the Authority manages these assets effectively and in a value for money way.
6. In order to do that, the Authority has maintained strategic Asset Management Plans (AMP) for each of its key asset groups:-
 - Estates
 - ICT
 - Vehicles
7. Attached as appendices to this report are:-
 - Appendix A - An overarching strategic AMP
 - Appendix B - An ICT AMP
 - Appendix C - An Estates AMP
 - Appendix D - A Vehicles AMP
8. The Plans set out the overall framework within which we will manage our assets to deliver our corporate vision. This includes :-
 - How we will acquire assets.
 - How we will maintain and upgrade assets.
 - How we will run and manage assets.
 - What management and reporting structures we will use to improve performance.
 - How we will take account of the environmental impact of assets.
9. Successful Asset Management will:-
 - Contribute to the overall vision, mission and corporate aims of the organisation.
 - Achieve highest quality and cost effective asset solutions.
 - Have flexible assets, which change, develop and improve with the authority.
 - Facilitate an increase in partner working.
 - Facilitate further improvement in our community outreach initiative and community activity.
 - Provide the assets required to ensure compliance with legislation and best practice guidance.
 - Allow environmental improvements.

10. The Plans are structured to be overarching strategic documents that should not need review on a regular basis. They are to be supported by Action Plans that are updated more regularly and at least annually.
11. The intention is to produce the Plans in a corporate format once approved.

Equality & Diversity Implications

12. Buildings and assets must be suitable for supporting a diverse workforce and for providing services to a diverse community. Planning effectively will help achieve this.

Financial Implications & Value for Money

13. The financial impact of our Asset Plans is reflected in the five year Capital Programme and Financial Plan.
14. The AMP's focus on managing assets on a whole life basis to deliver value for money.

Health & Safety and Environmental Implications

15. None arising specifically out of this report.

Contribution to Achieving the Vision:

“To Make Merseyside a Safer, Stronger, Healthier Community”

16. It is essential to our vision that we manage our assets effectively.
17. Community fire stations are essential to making Merseyside safer, stronger and healthier.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

***Glossary of Terms**

AMP - Asset Management Plans