

AGENDA ITEM:

REPORT TO:	MERSEYSIDE FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY MEETING
DATE:	27TH SEPTEMBER 2011
REPORT NO.	CFO/116/11
REPORTING OFFICER:	DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE
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OFFICERS CONSULTED:	
SUBJECT:	CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS – RELEASED BY CLG

APPENDIX	1	TITLE	Summary of Consultation Papers
	2		Amendments to Current Firefighters’ Pension Scheme
	3		Increases to Firefighters’ Pension Contribution Rates
	4		Resource Review
	5		Consultation on the localisation of Council Tax Benefit
	6		Distribution of Fire Capital Grant

MEMBERS SUPPLIED WITH APPENDICES IN CD FORMAT

Purpose of Report

1. To notify the Authority of a number of consultation papers relating to finance that have been released by CLG.
2. The report will be supported by a short presentation to explain the key issues.

Recommendation

3. That Members note the consultation papers and the matters arising from the presentation.
4. That Members approve delegated powers for finalising responses to the party leaders.

Introduction & Background

5. Across the late Summer, CLG have issued a number of consultation papers, which may have a significant impact on this Service.
6. The consultation papers are attached as appendices.
7. It is recognised that this represents a significant amount of paperwork and information for Members to consider.
8. The table at Appendix 1 seeks to summarise the papers. It is intended that the meeting will have a presentation to give greater clarity to the strategic issues for Members to consider.
9. Given the short timescales, it is recommended that the Authority give delegated power to finalise responses that reflect discussions and views at the meeting in consultation with the Executive Leadership Board.

Equality & Diversity Implications

10. None specifically arising out of this report.

Financial Implications & Value for Money

11. Several of the consultations relate to either the future funding of the Service, or will impact potentially on expenditure levels.

Health & Safety and Environmental Implications

12. None specifically arising out of this report.

Contribution to Achieving Our Purpose:

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

13. Not applicable to this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Consultation documents issued by CLG

***Glossary of Terms**

CLG = Department for Communities and Local Government