

**AGENDA ITEM:**

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>MERSEYSIDE FIRE &amp; RESCUE AUTHORITY</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2011</b>
<b>REPORT NO.</b>	<b>CFO/158/11</b>
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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT 2010-11</b>

**APPENDIX A                      TITLE                      MFRS Annual Environmental Report  
2010-11**

**ATTACHED – HARD COPY**

Purpose of Report

1. To present the Annual Environmental Report for 2010/11

Recommendation

2. That Members;
  - a) Note the Annual Report
  - b) Continue to support work on “Greening” the fire service.

Introduction & Background

3. MFRS was one of the first Fire Services to implement an Environmental Management System, adopt a Local Authority Carbon Management Plan and sign up to both 30% Carbon Reduction Target and the ‘Nottingham Declaration’ to address Climate Change impacts.
4. Now the Environmental Management System is reaching maturity, the energy, water and waste trends can clearly be seen and the linkage to Carbon Emissions is quantified.
5. The next two years work in implementing carbon reduction projects is crucial, if we are to meet our targets. In particular the significant investment in new and greener buildings.
6. Work is also underway to educate and address staff behaviours and thought processes through a network of Management and Environmental Champions in place at Stations and support sites.

The Annual Report is attached as Appendix A.

### Equality & Diversity Implications

7. None.

### Staff Implications

8. No direct staff implications
9. 35 Environmental Champions in all Authority buildings have been identified.

### Legal Implications

10. The Authority is required to comply with relevant environmental legislation.

### Financial Implications & Value for Money

11. A number of schemes have been funded under the Salix fund this year totalling £123,000. There are expected to deliver efficiencies of £35k per year.
12. The PFI project and other building schemes are major investments in improving energy efficiency.

### Risk Management, Health & Safety, and Environmental Implications

13. This report represents environmental excellence and reduces climate change risks.

### Contribution to **\*\*Our Mission – To Achieve; Safer Stronger Communities – Safe Effective Firefighters\*\***

14. The Environmental agenda not only represents reducing carbon emissions and resource use, but positive and healthy behaviours for both staff and communities

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

MFRS Annual Environmental Report 2010-11

### **\*Glossary of Terms**

Environmental Management System (EMS): A set of Policies and procedures that allows an organisation to identify, measure and address their own Environmental impacts.

\*\*Currently part of the IRMP 2012-2015 Consultation