

MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY			
MEETING OF THE:	SCRUTINY COMMITTEE		
DATE:	10 APRIL 2025	REPORT NO:	CFO/94/25
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TITLE OF REPORT:	SCRUTINY FORWARD WORK PLAN		
APPENDICES:	APPENDIX A:	SCRUTINY FORWARD WORK PLAN 2024-2025	

Purpose of Report

1. To request that Members review the proposed Scrutiny Forward Work Plan for 2024-2025.

Recommendation

2. It is recommended that Members;
 - a) note the current progress of the Scrutiny Forward Work Plan 2024-2025 to date; and
 - b) review the outstanding items on the Scrutiny Forward Work Plan.

Introduction and Background

3. A draft Scrutiny Forward Work Plan was considered at the Scrutiny Committee on the 14th September 2023 and approved by the full Authority on the 12th October 2023.
4. At the meeting of the Authority in October 2023, it was agreed that the Scrutiny Forward Work Plan would span the municipal year 2024-2025 due to the number of items contained in the Plan.
5. The current and approved Scrutiny Forward Work Plan is contained in appendix A.
6. Those topics Members have been presented to scrutinise to date have been marked in blue on the Scrutiny Forward Work Plan.
7. There are three outstanding items to still be reviewed on the current plan. It is recommended to Members that these items will be carried forward to the next

municipal year. A workshop will also be held at the beginning of the next municipal year with Members of the Scrutiny Committee to propose a new Scrutiny Forward Work Plan for 2025 onwards for Members to approve.

8. An overview of the scrutiny undertaken by the Committee for this year will also be provided to the full Authority at its next meeting in May.

Equality and Diversity Implications

9. There are no direct equality, diversity or inclusion implications for the proposed plan and no requirement for an equality impact assessment. However, the scrutiny topic itself will have an equality impact assessment or one will be drafted if necessary if the scrutiny topic is at inception stage.

Staff Implications

10. The Democratic Services team will work with Members and arrange meetings accordingly.

Legal Implications

11. There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

Financial Implications & Value for Money

12. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Risk Management and Health & Safety Implications

13. There are no direct implications arising out of this report. However, as the Scrutiny Forward Work Plan contains topics which may include actions taken by the Authority that can affect the Authority's risk management and health and safety, any potential impacts will be addressed within the relevant scrutiny topic as it is scrutinised.

Environmental Implications

14. There are no environmental implications arising from this report. However, as the Scrutiny Forward Work Plan contains topics which may include actions that can affect the environment, any potential impacts will be addressed within the relevant scrutiny topic as it is scrutinised.

Contribution to Our Vision: *To be the best Fire & Rescue Service in the UK.*

Our Purpose: *Here to serve, Here to protect, Here to keep you safe.*

15. The scrutiny of Merseyside Fire and Rescue Services actions contained on the Scrutiny Forward Work Plan, provides a transparent and accountable process.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

NONE

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

NONE