

MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY			
MEETING OF THE:	SCRUTINY COMMITTEE		
DATE:	22 JULY 2025	REPORT NO:	MO/11/2526
PRESENTING OFFICER	MONITORING OFFICER, RIA GROVES		
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	MONITORING OFFICER, RIA GROVES	REPORT AUTHOR:	MONITORING OFFICER, RIA GROVES
OFFICERS CONSULTED:	SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEMBERS, ACFO GED SHERIDAN, STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP TEAM		
TITLE OF REPORT:	SCRUTINY FORWARD WORK PLAN 2025-2026		
APPENDICES:	APPENDIX A	SCRUTINY FORWARD WORK PLAN 2025-26	

Purpose of Report

1. To request that Members review the Scrutiny Forward Work Plan for 2025-26.

Recommendations

2. It is recommended that Members;
 - a) review the proposed Scrutiny Forward Work Plan 2025-26; and
 - b) recommend the Scrutiny Forward Work Plan in Appendix A be submitted to the Authority (or another Committee as appropriate) for approval.

Introduction and Background

3. Further to the Annual General Meeting on 12th June 2025, Members of the Scrutiny Committee attended a Scrutiny Workshop on 23rd June 2025. The Monitoring Officer and the Assistant Chief Fire Officer presented an update on the three items being carried over from the previous Scrutiny Forward Work Plan (2023-25) as agreed at the Authority meeting in May and an overview of additional areas Members have proposed to scrutinise.
4. Appendix A contains the draft Scrutiny Forward Work Plan based upon the feedback from Members at the Scrutiny Workshop and from Committee meetings in the last year.
5. The proposed Scrutiny Forward Work Plan can be added to throughout the year and therefore the plan remains a living document.

Equality and Diversity Implications

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

Staff Implications

7. The staff from the relevant department would produce the report on the scrutiny topic for Members to scrutinise.

Legal Implications

8. There are no direct Legal implications arising from this report.

Financial Implications & Value for Money

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

Risk Management and Health & Safety Implications

10. There are no direct risk management and health & safety 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 & safety, any potential impacts will be addressed within the relevant scrutiny topic as it is scrutinised.

Environmental Implications

11. Any potential environmental 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.*

12. 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

MFRA	Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority
MFRS	Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service
EIA	Equality Impact Assessment