

MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY			
MEETING OF THE:	SCRUTINY COMMITTEE		
DATE:	18 SEPTEMBER 2025	REPORT NO:	MO/12/2526
PRESENTING OFFICER	MONITORING OFFICER, RIA GROVES		
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	MONITORING OFFICER, RIA GROVES	REPORT AUTHOR:	LEGAL & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES OFFICER, ALLY KIRBY
OFFICERS CONSULTED:	STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP TEAM (SLT)		
TITLE OF REPORT:	SCRUTINY FORWARD WORK PLAN 2025-26		
APPENDICES:	APPENDIX A:	SCRUTINY FORWARD WORK PLAN 2025-26	

Purpose of Report

1. To request that Members review the proposed Scrutiny Forward Work Plan for 2025-2026.

Recommendation

2. It is recommended that Members;
 - a) note the current progress of the Scrutiny Forward Work Plan 2025-26; and
 - b) review the outstanding items on the Scrutiny Forward Work Plan 2025-26.

Introduction and Background

3. Members will recall that the Scrutiny Forward Work Plan for 2025-26 was presented at the last Scrutiny Committee on 22nd July 2025.
4. Members previously agreed that three topics would be brought forward from last year's plan onto the Scrutiny Forward Work Plan 2025-26. These topics were Management of Contaminates, Enforcement and Prosecution Action and an update on Pathway to Net Zero including Fleet Management.
5. At the last meeting of the Scrutiny Committee this year, one of these topics was scrutinised (Pathway to Net Zero including Fleet Management) alongside the Annual Health, Safety and Welfare Report which is a standing item each year.

6. Another one of the topics carried forward, Enforcement and Prosecution Action, is to be discussed at the Scrutiny Committee on 18th September 2025.
7. Those topics that Members have been presented to scrutinise to date have been marked in blue on the Scrutiny Forward Work Plan for 2025-26, a copy of which is contained in Appendix A.
8. The remaining items to be scrutinised are identified in Appendix A. Members can make suggestions of topics throughout the year and therefore the plan remains a living document.

Equality and Diversity Implications

9. There are no direct equality and diversity and inclusion implications for the proposed plan and no requirement for an equality impact assessment ('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

10. There are no direct staff implications arising from this report

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 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

14. There are no direct environmental implications directly arising out of this report. 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.*

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

EIA Equality Impact **A**ssessment