

| <b>MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY</b> |                                           |                       |                                       |
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| <b>Meeting of the:</b>                      | <b>Scrutiny Committee</b>                 |                       |                                       |
| <b>Date:</b>                                | <b>15 October 2026</b>                    | <b>Report No:</b>     | <b>MO/14/2627</b>                     |
| <b>Presenting Officer:</b>                  | <b>Monitoring Officer, Ria Groves</b>     |                       |                                       |
| <b>Responsible Officer:</b>                 | <b>Monitoring Officer, Ria Groves</b>     | <b>Report Author:</b> | <b>Monitoring Officer, Ria Groves</b> |
| <b>Officers Consulted:</b>                  | <b>Strategic Leadership Team (SLT)</b>    |                       |                                       |
| <b>Title of Report:</b>                     | <b>Scrutiny Forward Work Plan 2026/27</b> |                       |                                       |

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| <b>Appendices:</b> | <b>Appendix A: Scrutiny Forward Work Plan 2026/27</b> |
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### **Purpose of Report**

1. To provide Members with an update on the progress of the Scrutiny Forward Work Plan for 2026/27, which was agreed by Members at the last meeting and is attached at Appendix A.

### **Recommendation**

2. It is recommended that Members;
  - a) note the progress made against the Scrutiny Forward Work Plan 2026/27, including the items already scrutinised; and
  - b) note the remaining topics identified for scrutiny during the rest of the municipal year.

### **Introduction and Background**

3. Members will recall that the Scrutiny Forward Work Plan for 2026/27 was agreed at the last meeting of the Scrutiny Committee on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2026 and is attached at Appendix A.
4. Since the plan was agreed, Members have scrutinised the item carried forward from the previous year relating to Management of Contaminants.
5. The items already scrutinised are highlighted in blue on the Scrutiny Forward Work Plan 2026/27 at Appendix A. The plan also identifies the remaining topics scheduled for scrutiny during the rest of the year.
6. At the last meeting, Members also agreed that the People Plan scrutiny topic would be extended to include welfare provisions for staff going through the capability process.
7. Members may continue to suggest topics throughout the year and, as such, the Scrutiny Forward Work Plan 2026/27 remains a living document.

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**Equality and Diversity Implications**

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8. The Scrutiny Forward Work Plan 2026/27 itself has no direct equality, diversity or inclusion implications and does not require an Equality Impact Assessment ('EIA'). However, individual scrutiny topics may require an EIA, which will be prepared where necessary, including where a topic is at inception stage.

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**Staff Implications**

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

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**Legal Implications**

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

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**Financial Implications & Value for Money**

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

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**Risk Management and Health & Safety Implications**

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12. There are no direct risk management or health and safety implications arising from this report. However, as the Scrutiny Forward Work Plan 2026/27 includes topics that may affect the Authority's risk management and health and safety arrangements, any potential impacts will be considered as part of the relevant scrutiny topic.

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**Environmental Implications**

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13. 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.

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

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14. The scrutiny of Merseyside Fire and Rescue Services actions contained on the Scrutiny Forward Work Plan 2026/27 provides a transparent and accountable process.

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**Background Papers**

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None

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**Glossary Of Terms**

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None