

Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority			
Meeting of the:	Authority		
Date:	29 October 2026	Report No:	MO/15/2628
Presenting Officer:	Monitoring Officer, Ria Groves		
Responsible Officer:	Monitoring Officer, Ria Groves	Report Author:	Monitoring Officer, Ria Groves
Officers Consulted:	Strategic Leadership Team, Scrutiny Committee		
Title of Report:	Scrutiny Forward Plan 2026 - 2027		

Appendices:	Appendix A: Scrutiny Forward Plan 2026 - 2027
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Purpose of Report

1. To provide Members with the proposed Scrutiny Forward Work Plan for 2026/27 which 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) approve the remaining topics identified for scrutiny during the rest of the municipal year.

Introduction and Background

3. The Scrutiny Forward Work Plan for 2026/27 was agreed at the meeting of the Scrutiny Committee on the 23rd 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 the Management of Contaminants as Members agreed at the AGM along with standing item, the Annual Health, Safety and Welfare report for 2025/26 which is on today's agenda.
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. As recommended at the previous Policy and Resources Committee and Scrutiny Committees, Members also agreed that the People Plan scrutiny topic would be extended to include welfare provisions for staff going through the capability process.

Equality and Diversity Implications

7. 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.

Staff Implications

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

Legal Implications

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

Financial Implications & Value for Money

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

Risk Management and Health & Safety Implications

11. 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.

Environmental Implications

12. There are no direct environmental implications 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.*

13. The scrutiny of Merseyside Fire and Rescue Services actions contained on the Scrutiny Forward Work Plan 2026/27 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