MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY			
MEETING OF THE:	**SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**		
DATE:	**14 SEPTEMBER 2023**	**REPORT NO:**	**CFO/50/23**
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TITLE OF REPORT:	**SCRUTINY FORWARD WORK PLAN 2023-2025**		

APPENDICES:	**APPENDIX A: SCRUTINY FORWARD WORK PLAN**

Purpose of Report

1. To request that Members review the proposed Scrutiny Forward Work Plan for 2023-2025.

Recommendation

2. It is recommended that Members;

   a) review the proposed Scrutiny Forward Work Plan 2023-2025; and

   b) recommend the Scrutiny Forward Work Plan in appendix A be submitted to the Authority for approval.

Introduction and Background

3. Further to the Annual General Meeting on 8th June 2023, Members of the Scrutiny Committee attended two Scrutiny Workshops on the 5th July 2023 and 11th July 2023. Each Directorate within Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service presented an update and overview of their departmental plans.

4. Appendix A contains the draft Scrutiny Forward Work Plan based upon the feedback from Members at the Scrutiny Workshops and from Committee meetings in the last year.

5. Due to not only the number of issues Members were interested in scrutinising, but also the types of issues which may still be in development, it is proposed to make the Scrutiny Forward Work Plan a two-year proposal.

6. The proposed Scrutiny Forward Work Plan includes the environmental impact pertaining to and by Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service. The topic is significant as the Authority addresses its own impact on the environment from its own

actions (and seeks to reduce this) in addition to being an emergency service and handling the impact faced by the Service and the types of incidents its staff are now responding to. It is proposed to break up this topic over the next two years. An example of this would be the topic of the impact of wildfires on the Service being one area brought before Members to scrutinise while a future topic being that of an update on the Authority's Pathway to Net Zero.

7. 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

8. 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 will have an EIA or one will be drafted if necessary if the scrutiny topic is at inception stage.

Staff Implications

9. The relevant departments have been consulted on the proposed draft scrutiny forward work plan and staff from the relevant department would produce the report on the scrutiny topic for Members to scrutinise..

Legal Implications

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

Financial Implications & Value for Money

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

Risk Management, Health & Safety, and Environmental Implications

12. 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, health and safety and response to 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.*

13. 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