

# Annual Report of the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service and Authority

**Cabinet**

**Date: 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

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Wards:	All
Parishes Affected:	All

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## **1. Purpose and Reasons**

- 1.1 This report seeks Cabinet's endorsement of the 2016-17 Annual Report of the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service.
- 1.2 The Annual Report also provides Cabinet Members an opportunity to ask questions of the Chief Fire Officer about the provision of services to the Borough as well as further opportunities for partnership working.
- 1.3 The Fire Service's policies contribute towards achieving the Council's Vision Priority "Ensure Clean and safe streets and improve our public spaces and local culture. In addition, the former Swindon and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service and Authority were key signatories to the One Swindon strategy adopted by Council in 2011 (Council Minute 97, 2010/11 refers).

## **2. Recommendations**

Cabinet is recommended to:

- 2.1 Endorse the 2016-17 Annual Report of the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service.

## **3. Detail**

- 3.1 Since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016, Swindon has been served by the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service, which came into being following the amalgamation of the previous services covering Bournemouth, Dorset, Swindon, Poole, and Wiltshire.
- 3.2 The new service is overseen by the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority, which currently consists of thirty councillors including five from Swindon. The current appointees from Swindon Borough Council are: councillors Steve Allsopp, Abdul Amin, Colin Lovell, Nick Martin and Garry Perkins (Council Minute 10, 2017/18 refers).
- 3.3 The annual report sets out the headline performance data for the Fire and Rescue Service along with summary information on income and expenditure during the 2016/17 Financial Year. A copy of the full report is attached at Appendix A following discussion and approval by the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire

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Further information on the subject of this report can be obtained from Steve Jones, 01793 463602, [stevejones@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:stevejones@swindon.gov.uk).

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Authority on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017. Members are invited to ask questions of the Chief Fire Officer about the Service's record and ongoing strategies.

## **4. Alternative Options**

- 4.1 Cabinet could choose not to accept the report. However, it has been considered by the relevant Fire Authority and the Fire Service is a key local public sector partner agency with whom the Council works.

## **5. Implications, Diversity Impact Assessment and Risk Management**

### Financial and Procurement Implications

- 5.1 There are no financial implications from adopting the report. The Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service is funded by a separate precept on the Council Tax, which the Borough collects on behalf of the Service.

### Legal and Human Rights Implications

- 5.2 Legal and human rights implications were taken into account in preparing this report. It is considered that the report's recommendations are consistent with Convention Rights.

### All Other Implications (including Staff, Sustainability, Health, Rural, Crime and Disorder)

- 5.3 None.

### Diversity Impact Assessment

- 5.4 No Diversity Impact Assessment (DIA) was undertaken as this report does not propose service changes.

### Risk Management

- 5.5 None.

## **6. Consultees**

- 6.1 The Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer) and Director of Law and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) are consulted in respect of all reports.

## **7. Background Papers**

- 7.1 None

## **8. Appendices**

- 8.1 Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Annual Report 2016/17

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## **9. Key Decision/Decision in Cabinet Work Programme**

- 9.1 This is not a Key Decision and is included in the Cabinet Work Programme and for September 2017.