

Budget 2012/13

In my last update, I told you about the need to save another £815,000 in 2012/13 and that the majority of these savings would be achieved by the introduction of a new rostering system for wholetime firefighters. Following successful negotiations between Officers and the representative bodies, the new rostering system for day crewing and 24 hour shift stations was implemented on April 1st and to date is working well. Ultimately this will save over £1million.

As a result of the new rostering system, the Service has set up an Operational Resource Pool. The "ORP" consists of some staff members who have been released from watches following the implementation of the revised rostering arrangements. They are wholetime personnel who are being used to supplement crewing on RDS stations and to ensure that they are available to respond to emergencies.

Home Fire Safety Checks

Nearly 4,000 home fire safety checks were undertaken on Anglesey during the last financial year.

Partnership working and collaboration continues to be important and staff from various agencies such as Gofal a Thrwsio, Age Cymru, Victim Support, Deaf Association and Royal British Legion undertake home fire safety checks as and when they come across properties that have no smoke alarms or require additional fire prevention equipment.

Aerial Ladder Platforms

Colleagues will recall that one aerial ladder platform was coming to the end of its serviceable life in March and the Authority had previously decided not to replace the ALP. At the March meeting, the Authority decided to locate the 3 remaining ALPs at Wrexham, Rhyl and Bangor.

Disability Discrimination Act and Equality Compliance Works

Fire stations and premises across North Wales have been modernised to comply with the disability and equality legislation, as far as reasonably practicable. This work is nearing completion now and all stations on Anglesey have been upgraded in the last two/three years.

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