

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
Committee:	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
Date:	19 September 2023
Subject:	Isle of Anglesey County Council response to the North Wales Fire and Rescue Service – Emergency Review
Purpose of Report:	To offer comments on the North Wales Fire and Rescue Service – Emergency Review
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Local Members:	Relevant to all members

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1 - Recommendation/s
<p>The Committee is requested to:</p> <p>1.1 Comment on the Isle of Anglesey County Council draft response to the North Wales Fire and Rescue Service Emergency Response Review</p> <p>1.2 Propose the draft response for approval by the Executive.</p>

2 – Link to Council Plan / Other Corporate Priorities
<p>2.1 The Council is a category 1 responder and has responsibilities for emergency planning and response under the Civil Contingencies Acts 2004, the Radiation (Emergency Preparedness and Public Information) Regulations 2001, and the Pipeline Safety Regulations 1996.</p> <p>2.2 The Council plays a crucial role in civil resilience and works alongside the emergency services and other category 1 responders include the North Wales Fire and Rescue Service.</p>

3 – Guiding Principles for Scrutiny Members
<p>To assist Members when scrutinising the topic:</p> <p>3.1 Impact the matter has on individuals and communities [focus on customer/citizen]</p> <p>3.2 A look at the efficiency & effectiveness of any proposed change – both financially and in terms of quality [focus on value]</p> <p>3.3 A look at any risks [focus on risk]</p> <p>3.4 Scrutiny taking a performance monitoring or quality assurance role [focus on performance & quality]</p> <p>3.5 Looking at plans and proposals from a perspective of:</p>

- Long term
- Prevention
- Integration
- Collaboration
- Involvement

[focus on wellbeing]

4 - Key Scrutiny Questions

- 4.1 To what extent does the Local Authority's draft response adequately reflect the views of the Council?
- 4.2 What gaps are in the draft response?

5 – Background / Context

- 5.1 North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority was established as part of the reorganization of local government on 1 April 1996. It comprises 28 councillors from six unitary authorities of North Wales.
- 5.2 The Authority is the publicly accountable body that is responsible for providing a fire and rescue service for the communities of North Wales.
- 5.3 The Authority comprises 28 councillors from the six local authorities across North Wales. The Isle of Anglesey County Council has 3 elected members nominated to be members of the Authority.
- 5.4 Councillor Dylan Rees chairs the Authority and the Executive Panel; Councillor Jeff Evans is a member of the Authority and a member of the Audit Panel; and Councillor John Ifan Jones is a member of the Authority and Executive Panel.
- 5.5 The Authority is running a public consultation to gather feedback from those who live, work and travel in the region about the future of how they provide emergency cover services in North Wales.
- 5.6 The consultation is focused on three options for the future emergency cover services across North Wales.

6 – Equality Impact Assessment [including impacts on the Welsh Language]

6.1 Potential impacts on protected groups under the Equality Act 2010

N/A

6.2 Potential impacts on those experiencing socio-economic disadvantage in their lives (strategic decisions)

N/A

6.3 Potential impacts on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language

N/A

7 – Financial Implications

The majority of funding for the North Wales Fire and Rescue Service is received by way of levy from the Unitary Authorities within the area. The Council pays into this combined fund and the contribution is based on population. Any change in the North Wales Fire and Rescue Service budget would consequently impact on the levy contributions and would result in added pressure to the Council's budget.

8 – Appendices:

- Draft response

9 - Background papers (please contact the author of the Report for any further information):

- North Wales Fire and Rescue Service Emergency Cover Review - consultation document.