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**Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Authority
Service Delivery Policy and Challenge
Group
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SUBJECT: TERMS OF REFERENCE

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Background Papers: None

Implications (tick ✓):

LEGAL		FINANCIAL	
HUMAN RESOURCES		EQUALITY IMPACT	
ENVIRONMENTAL		POLICY	
CORPORATE RISK	Known	OTHER (please specify)	
	New	CORE BRIEF	

Any implications affecting this report are noted at the end of the report.

PURPOSE:

To review the Terms of Reference for the Service Delivery Policy and Challenge Group.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That:

1. Members consider the Terms of Reference for the Service Delivery Policy and Challenge Group and recommend any changes for 2016/17 to the Fire Authority.
 2. The Terms of Reference be updated to include a statement that the Group reports to the Fire and Rescue Authority.
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1. Introduction

1.1 The Service Delivery Policy and Challenge Group has been established to ensure that the following areas of the Fire and Rescue Service are functioning efficiently and effectively, challenging areas of under performance as required and approving any associated policy as necessary:

- Emergency Response
- Prevention
- Protection

2. Terms of Reference

2.1 The Terms of Reference for the Policy and Challenge Group were last revised in June 2014 and are appended to this report.

2.2 An Internal Audit carried out by RSM in February 2016 made a recommendation that the Terms of References for the Policy and Challenge Groups and Audit and Standards Committee be updated to define to whom they report.

2.3 Members are asked to consider the current Terms of Reference and recommend any changes required for 2016/17 to the Fire and Rescue Authority.

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SERVICE DELIVERY POLICY AND CHALLENGE GROUP

The Service Delivery Policy and Challenge Group has been established to ensure that the following areas of Service are functioning efficiently and effectively, challenging areas of under performance as required and approving any associated policy as necessary:

- Emergency Response
- Prevention
- Protection

Membership

The Group is to consist of those Members appointed by the Fire and Rescue Authority for the ensuing year or as determined by the Fire and Rescue Authority.

One elected Member will be nominated as Chair of the Group by the Fire and Rescue Authority at its annual meeting and another elected Member will be nominated as Vice Chair at the first Group meeting held after the annual meeting. The Group may co-opt onto its membership any person, such as representatives or members of groups, who may provide specialist information or skills in assisting the Group to reach its aims and objectives set out below.

Quorum

Business shall not be transacted at any meeting of the Service Delivery Policy and Challenge Group unless at least three Members are present and at least one Member from two constituent authorities.

Support

The Group will be supported by the individual Principal Officer with responsibility for Service Delivery, the Service Delivery Team and members of the Strategic Support Team.

Regularity of Meetings

The Group is to meet a minimum of four times a year. Other meetings can be called when deemed necessary by any member of the Group and following agreement with the Group Chair.

Reporting

The Group has no delegated power to take decisions but its minutes are submitted to the FRA under a covering report from the Group's Chair with any recommendations.

Terms of Reference

1. To consider and report as necessary on performance in respect of the Service Delivery Directorate functions and be involved in the setting and monitoring of Service targets.
2. To approve the Service Delivery Sections of the Fire and Rescue Authority's Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) and associated annual action plans.
3. To consider and approve the Service Delivery Strategy and associated annual action plans.
4. To monitor the progress of the Service Delivery projects identified in the Community Risk Management Plan.
5. To commission and oversee reviews into specified areas of work within the Service Delivery Directorate.
6. To oversee the Community Risk Management Plan consultation processes, consider any responses, and make changes where appropriate.
7. To consider any external reports relating to the Service Delivery functions.
8. To monitor and review matters arising from the former FiReControl project.
9. To monitor the effective identification and management of corporate risks relating to Service Delivery functions.

Revised Terms of Reference agreed by the CFA on 7 September 2011

Updated for change of Authority name – December 2012

Quorum included – 25 June 2014

Reporting included for consideration at SD Policy and Challenge Group on 16 June 2016