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SUBJECT: MEMBER DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS 2021/22

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Background Papers: None

Implications (tick ✓):

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

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

PURPOSE:

To consider arrangements for Fire and Rescue Authority Member development in 2021/22.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Members:

1. Consider arrangements for member development in 2021/22.
 2. Consider representation to the Combined Fire Authorities Conference.
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1. Background

- 1.1 The following sets out the schedule of Member development for the year 2021/22.
- 1.2 Two dedicated Member Development Days were included in the Fire and Rescue Authority's calendar for 2021/22: 6 July 2021 (Horizon Scanning event) and 11 November 2021.
- 1.3 In addition, Members are to attend two Budget workshops on 23 November 2021 and 25th January 2022 to review and consider the budget for 2022/23.
- 1.4 An additional two dates for Member Development have also been programmed on the 17 September and 29 October 2021.
- 1.5 To complement these arrangements, and to provide an informal means of holding discussions with Station personnel, there will also be a programme of regular Members' visits to Fire Stations which will be arranged soon.
- 1.6 A Combined Fire Authorities conference is normally held annually in October which is yet to be confirmed.
- 1.7 The LGA hosts a Fire Conference in March which is yet to be confirmed.

2. Member Development Days

- 2.1 **17 September 2021:** Members are invited to a development day which will cover Building Safety which include information on high rise living, the Fire Safety Bill and changes to buildings consultations.
- 2.2 **29 October 2021:** Members are invited to a development day covering the Code of Conduct and Fire Standards Board Core Codes.
- 2.3 **11 November 2021:** Members are invited to a development day covering The Emergency Response Cover Review and Treasury Management.

3. Combined Fire Authorities Conference – to be confirmed

3.1 At present there is no date for the Combined Fire Authorities Conference (usually held in October) with further details awaited with regards scheduling of future events.

4. Station Visits

4.1 A programme of visits to fire stations is being developed to familiarise Members with different types of appliances and equipment and an opportunity to engage with personnel from operations, protection and prevention. It also provides and opportunity to understand the different duty systems operating across BFRS.

4.2 A programme of Member visits to stations has been in place since 2006 to provide Members with:

- A greater awareness of the changing role of the Fire and Rescue Service from a local perspective;
- An understanding and appreciation of the impact of future planning and budget decisions; and
- An understanding, both strategically and locally, of the rationale behind integrated risk management.

4.3 Members will be able to invite local Councillors and the Members of Parliament for the area to attend these station visits. Members will be informed of the dates and locations once they have been confirmed.

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Appendix 1

Date	Subject	Contents	Comment
17 September 2021	Member Development Day No.2	Building Safety	High rise living Building Fire Safety Bill & Impact on Protection activities
29 October 2021	Member Development Day No.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code of Conduct • Fire Standards Board Core Codes 	Fire Standards Boards publications
11 November 2021	Member Development Day No.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Cover Response Review • Treasury Management 	Treasury Management training will be delivered by Link Treasury Services.
23 November 2021	Budget Workshop No.1		<p>To review the budget position and work towards the February 2022 FRA meeting which sets the Budget and Council Tax for the coming year.</p> <p>Review of CRMP</p>
25 January 2022	Budget Workshop No.2		<p>To review the budget position and work towards the February 2022 FRA meeting which sets the Budget and Council Tax for the coming year.</p> <p>Review of CRMP</p>