



DEVON & SOMERSET FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY

REPORT REFERENCE NO.	RC/10/10
MEETING	RESOURCES COMMITTEE
DATE OF MEETING	16 JULY 2010
SUBJECT OF REPORT	CHANGE TO CORPORATE PLAN 2010/11 to 2012/13 TARGETS
LEAD OFFICER	Director of Corporate Services
RECOMMENDATIONS	<p>That, in light of the contents of this report, the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority be recommended to remove the following Goal 3 targets from the 2010/11 to 2012/13 Corporate Plan:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To achieve a Level 3 Use of Resources result in the 2010/11 assessment 2. To achieve a Level 4 Use of Resources result in the 2012/13 assessment
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	This report addresses the proposal to remove the existing Goal 3 Use of Resources targets in light of the abolition of the Comprehensive Area Assessment framework by the new government.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	Nil
EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT	Nil
APPENDICES	Nil
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS	Nil

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The 2010/11 to 2012/13 Corporate Plan contains two targets for achieving Level 3 and Level 4 in the Use of Resources assessment in 2010/11 and 2012/13 respectively. Use of Resources was one part of the Operational Assessment for the Audit Commission's Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) framework. It was a yearly assessment by appointed auditors of how well local authorities were managing and using their resources to deliver value for money and better and sustainable outcomes for local people.
- 1.2 In May 2010, the new government announced it would abolish CAA. In response, the Audit Commission directed auditors to cease all Use of Resources assessment work at local authorities, police authorities and fire and rescue authorities with immediate effect. The Audit Commission will therefore not be completing their Operational Assessment for the financial year 2009-2010 or in future years. This means that Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service (DSFRS) will not be formally assessed against the Key Lines of Enquiry (KLOE's) that make up the Operational Assessment, namely; Use of Resources and Managing Performance.
- 1.3 The Audit Commission will remain DSFRS's inspectorate and will continue to provide the year end external audit service that signs off our accounts. It is also likely that there will continue to be an external performance assessment of fire and rescue services, but what form this will take is still to be determined.

2. NEXT STEPS

- 2.1 Due to the removal of CAA it is recommended that the Use of Resources targets are removed from the 2010/11 to 2012/13 Corporate Plan. An assessment of overall service performance is a valued component of the performance management suite of measures and targets. Replacements for the Use of Resources targets will be considered and if developed will be brought before the Committee for approval.

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