

REPORT REFERENCE NO.	DSFRA/24/23
MEETING	DEVON & SOMERSET FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY (Ordinary Meeting)
DATE OF MEETING	10 JUNE 2024
SUBJECT OF REPORT	STRATEGIC POLICY OBJECTIVES 2024-25
LEAD OFFICER	CHIEF FIRE OFFICER
RECOMMENDATIONS	<i>That the Strategic Policy Objectives for 2024-25 as appended to this report be determined.</i>
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	<p>In 2020 the Authority, supported by the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny, undertook an extensive review of its governance structure. Stemming from this, it was felt there would be considerable benefit to the Authority in approving set of clear Strategic Policy Objectives for each year against which the Authority could, using its Committee structure, scrutinise Service performance.</p> <p>The Strategic Policy Objectives for 2021-22 were approved by the Authority at its ordinary meeting on 29 June 2021 (Minute DSFRA/21/9 refers). These were developed following a series of Member workshops.</p> <p>Since initial adoption in 2021, the Strategic Policy Objectives have been subject to annual review in the context of both the Community Risk Management Plan and the budget for the financial year in question. Given the overarching, strategic nature of the objectives, no revisions are considered necessary at this time and consequently the Strategic Policy Objectives proposed for 2024-25 are now attached at Appendix A.</p> <p>The Authority has previously been advised that the Service is currently undertaking a fire cover review. This will look at, amongst other things, the speed and weight (i.e. number of appliances) of responses to incidents. In the event that the outcome of this fire cover review impacts on the Strategic Policy Objectives, then revised objectives will be submitted to the Authority in due course for approval.</p>
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	All resource implications for these Strategic Policy Objectives will be contained from within approved budgets (including reserves) for 2024-25.
EQUALITY RISKS AND BENEFITS ANALYSIS	The Strategic Policy Objectives are designed to be fully inclusive.
APPENDICES	Draft Strategic Policy Objectives 2024-25

BACKGROUND PAPERS	Nil.
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