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SUBJECT:	ALLERTON AND BELLE VALE LLAR PILOT OUTCOMES

Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to inform members of progress in relation to the LLAR pilot at Belle Vale and Allerton Fire Stations.

Recommendations

2. That Members note the contents of this report and instruct that the consultation process with the Fire Brigades Union be undertaken and completed within 3 months of the date of this meeting.

Background

3. The Agreement of Principles between Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority (MFRA) and the FBU which gave rise to the resolution of the recent industrial action determined that a 6 month pilot commencing in January 2007 would be undertaken at Allerton and Belle Vale Fire Stations involving one Watch Manager at each station working the LLAR duty system.
4. The agreement also determined that 'between July and September 2007 all data collected will be presented in an intelligence report following which a 3 month consultation process on the outcome of the pilot will take place'.
5. The pilot commenced on 1st February and concluded on 31st July. The intelligence report to form the basis of consultation has now been compiled after a detailed analysis of the pilot and also of mobilisation, socio economic and risk data appertaining to the Allerton and Belle Vale station areas. The intelligence report is attached at Appendix 1 of this paper.
6. The employers Joint Secretary will now open up a three month consultation period with the FBU to commence in September in accordance with the Agreement of Principles, the outcomes of which will be reported back to members in a separate report.

Financial Implications

7. Implementation of the LLAR crewing system at Allerton and Belle Vale will realise around £600,000 per annum towards the dynamic staff savings target. If the proposals are not adopted then the Authority will need to identify £600,000 of permanent savings elsewhere.

Equality and Diversity Issues

8. None contained within this report.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

LLAR Allerton and Belle Vale Intelligence Report