

Public Value Measures and Targets 2015/16

Report of the Chief Fire Officer

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1 Purpose of Report

This report presents the agreed Public Value measures and targets for 2015/16.

2 Recommendations

The Committee is asked to note the contents of the report.

3 Background

At its meeting in February 2015 the Fire Authority delegated responsibility to its Strategy and Resources Committee to agree the Public Value Measures and targets for 2015/16, which support the Fire Authority's four Strategic Aims. Accordingly, at its meeting on 1 April 2015 the Strategy and Resources Committee considered and agreed the Measures and targets for 2015/16.

These Measures and targets will now be included in the Annual Service Plan for the forthcoming year and performance will be monitored through the Audit and Performance Management Committee. In light of this officers felt that it would be useful for the Committee if officers provided the rationale behind the latest target figures. Accordingly, the targets and comments are set out at the appendix to this report.

4 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5 Legal Comment

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

6 Initial Impact Assessment

This report contains merely statements of fact / historical data. An Initial Impact Assessment is not, therefore, required.

7 Equality Impact Assessment

There are no equality or diversity implications arising from this report. An Equality Impact Assessment is not, therefore, required.

8 Appendix

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9 Background Papers

There are no background papers associated with this report.

Public Value Measures and Targets 2015/16

Measure and Target for 2014/15	Performance to date*	Predicted to Achieve Target?	Measure and Target for 2015/16	Comment
The first fire engine will arrive at an emergency incident with at least 4 firefighters within 15 minutes on 87% of occasions.	93%	Yes	The first fire engine will arrive at an emergency incident with at least 4 firefighters within 15 minutes on 89% of occasions.	The previous 5 years of performance gives an average of 88%, whereas a 3 year average is 92%. Therefore, the recommendation is to raise the target to 89% for 2015/16.
The first fire engine will arrive with a minimum competent crew on 100% of occasions.	97.5%	No		Recommend removal of this indicator. Subordinate metrics will still be monitored through the Service Management Team.
Accidental fires will be reduced to not more than 529 fires during 2014/15.	437	Yes	All accidental fires will be reduced to not more than 548 fires during 2015/16, i.e. 5% reduction on 5 year average of 577	Having experienced an overall downward trend across a 5 year period, we have seen 2 years of increase in that time. Recommendation is for the Service to use the 5 year average of 577 to establish the baseline for a 25% reduction over a 5 year period.

Measure and Target for 2014/15	Performance to date*	Predicted to Achieve Target?	Measure and Target for 2015/16	Comment
			Accidental dwelling fires (ADFs) to be reduced to not more than 236 during 2015/16.	Recommend the introduction of a new ADF measure.
Fire crimes will be reduced to not more than 943 fires during 2014/15.	433	Yes	Deliberate fires will be reduced to not more than 693 fires during 2015/16, i.e. 5% reduction on 5 year average of 729	Extremely volatile target heavily dependent upon weather conditions. Historically, the Service has always experienced increasing demand during periods of dry weather. It includes grass/refuse/woodland/bonfires. The recommendation is to use the 5 year average of 729 to establish a baseline figure of a 25% reduction over the next 5 years.
Fire related deaths and serious injuries in the community will be reduced to not more than 31 during 2014/15.	11	Yes	Fire related deaths and serious injuries in the community will be reduced to not more than 20 during 2015/16, i.e. 5% reduction on 3 year average of 21.	On previous target for 2014/15 the average figure for deaths and injuries over 3 years is 21. Recommendation is that the Service use the 3 year average of 21 to establish the baseline for a 25% reduction.
Injuries sustained to staff through firefighting will be reduced to not more than 28 injuries during 2014/15.	24	Yes	Injuries sustained to staff through firefighting will be reduced to not more than 27 injuries during 2015/16.	The Service continues to perform exceptionally well in this area with a current target of 28. In order to strive for continual improvement the proposed target for 2015/16 is 27.

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			To obtain an unqualified Value for Money (VFM) conclusion from External Audit.	<p>New measure for 2015/16. The VFM conclusion is based on two criteria specified by the Audit Commission:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Authority has proper arrangements in place for securing financial resilience; and 2. The Authority has arrangements for challenging how it secures economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

* Figures based on performance as of 12 March 2015