

REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

PERFORMANCE AGAINST BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS APRIL 2006 TO JUNE 2006

1 Purpose of Report

To inform Members of the Brigade's performance against nationally prescribed Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPIs) for the period 1 April 2006 to 30 June 2006.

2 Recommendations

Members are requested to:

- a) Note the report content in respect of performance; and
- b) Consider the information provided, giving comments, where appropriate, for amendments to future reports to aid the regular assessment of performance.

3 Background

The Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) publishes BVPIs for fire and rescue authorities. Performance against nationally prescribed BVPIs enables the Government to produce annual league tables, which in turn enables performance to be assessed against peer authorities and identifies areas of good or weak performance. Such information is invaluable in supporting the identification of priorities for forthcoming performance improvement strategies.

Following the publication of the Fire Service National Framework Document 2005/6, amendments have been made in relation to the reporting of some of the Best Value Performance Indicators.



4 Performance Graphs and Tables

This report documents performance for Quarter 1 of the 2006/07 reporting year against the BVPIs outlined in Annexe F of the Framework document and, as a consequence, targets and performance published in Fire Authority's Performance Plan 2006/08.

For each performance indicator a graph has been produced, detailing the following information:

- Current performance for the 1st quarter of 2006/07;
- Trend line for 2006/07;
- Previous data from 2005/06, where applicable; and
- Target threshold, where appropriate.

Each graph is accompanied by two tables, which contain monthly statistics for 2006/07 and the previous years 2005/06 and 2004/05, where available. The first table contains figures based on a calculation (the performance indicator or PI) and the second table gives the actual figure. So, in the case of BVPI 142(ii) – the number of primary fires per 10,000 population – the first table gives a figure benchmarked against the population, whilst the second table gives the actual monthly figures, i.e. the actual number of primary fires.

A year to date (titled YTD in the tables) total is also given, so that the running total of the current year can be monitored against the previous full year figure, except for BVPIs 2a, 2b, 11, 17, 157 and 210, where the last month reported is the cumulative full year total to date.

A final table at the foot of each page contains an analysis, which includes the following:

- Yearly target
- Will the Authority achieve its yearly target?
- Will the current yearly results improve on the previous year's outturn?

The new local standards of cover at life risk fires and road traffic collisions have been added to Appendix B. These will ultimately replace the BVPI 145 indicators, which are no longer nationally required.

For clarity, current calculations are based on the following data.

	Figure	Source
Population of Shropshire	448,900	Registrar General Mid Term Estimates 2004
Domestic dwellings in Shropshire	186,757	Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) 2005
Non-domestic dwellings in Shropshire	15,155	Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) 2005



5 Appendices

Performance is summarised and recorded within the following appendices. Please note that these are not attached to this report but can be viewed on the Fire Authority's website by following the link shown in each case.

Appendix A

BVPIs as requested by the DCLG July 2005

A snapshot summary table on performance and achievement against current BVPIs.

<http://www.shropshirefire.gov.uk/Docs/CFA/Meetings/Performance-Management/2006-09-07/Report%209%20Appendix%20A.pdf>

Appendix B

Service Delivery Indicators

Specific information on each individual Service Delivery and Corporate Health Indicator, including support graphs and tables, along with national comparison tables, where applicable. These tables have been populated with regional data taken from each of the authorities' 2006 published Performance Plans. This Authority has updated statistics where appropriate.

<http://www.shropshirefire.gov.uk/Docs/CFA/Meetings/Performance-Management/2006-09-07/Report%209%20Appendix%20B.pdf>

Appendix C

BVPIs no longer required by the Government (July 2005)

With provision continued until the new local standards are embedded

<http://www.shropshirefire.gov.uk/Docs/CFA/Meetings/Performance-Management/2006-09-07/Report%209%20Appendix%20C.pdf>

Appendix D

Availability of retained and wholtime firefighters in the County

For monitoring purposes

<http://www.shropshirefire.gov.uk/Docs/CFA/Meetings/Performance-Management/2006-09-07/Report%209%20Appendix%20D.pdf>

Appendix E

Accidents on duty and those leading to sickness absence

As requested by the Committee at its last meeting

<http://www.shropshirefire.gov.uk/Docs/CFA/Meetings/Performance-Management/2006-09-07/Report%209%20Appendix%20E.pdf>

Appendix F

Local Indicator Report, giving further background detail to BVPI 142 (iii)

This will be used to give further analysis details, where requested by Members or Policy Group.

<http://www.shropshirefire.gov.uk/Docs/CFA/Meetings/Performance-Management/2006-09-07/Report%209%20Appendix%20F.pdf>

Appendix G

2006/07 Estimated Outturn (not actual and unverified) for BVPIs 2006 – 07

Based on the latest available statistics

<http://www.shropshirefire.gov.uk/Docs/CFA/Meetings/Performance-Management/2006-09-07/Report%209%20Appendix%20G.pdf>



6 Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

7 Legal Comment

Fire and rescue authorities are required to report BVPIs to the Government on a quarterly and annual basis. BVPIs to be reported on are promulgated at Annex F of the Fire and Rescue Service National Framework Document 2005/06. As a consequence these BVPIs and associated targets appear in the Authority's Performance Plan 2006/08.

8 Background Papers

Office of the Deputy Prime Minister

Fire and Rescue Service National Framework Document 2005/06

Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority

Performance Plan 2006/08

Implications of all of the following have been considered and, where they are significant (i.e. marked with an asterisk), the implications are detailed within the report itself.

Balance Score Card		Integrated Risk Management Planning	
Business Continuity Planning		Legal	
Capacity		Member Involvement	
Civil Contingencies Act		National Framework	*
Comprehensive Performance Assessment		Operational Assurance	
Equality and Diversity		Retained	
Efficiency Savings		Risk and Insurance	
Environmental		Staff	
Financial		Strategic Planning	*
Fire Control/Fire Link		West Midlands Regional Management Board	

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