

## Performance against Best Value Performance Indicators April 2006 to March 2007

### Report of the Chief Fire Officer

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### 1 Purpose of Report

To inform Members of the Brigade's performance against nationally prescribed Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPs) for the period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007.

### 2 Recommendations

The Committee is asked 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

Communities and Local Government (CLG) publish BVPs for fire and rescue authorities. Performance against nationally prescribed BVPs 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 and Rescue National Framework Document 2006/8, amendments have been made in relation to the reporting of some of the Best Value Performance Indicators.



## 4 Report Content

This report documents performance for Quarters 1, 2, 3 and 4 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters 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 table, 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?

A national comparison table is shown for the majority of BVPIs. This is taken from the DCLG National Performance League Tables, and has been amended to show positional achievement, and additional columns added to show the performance submission for 2005/06 and also an estimate of the 2006/07 outturn based on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th quarter statistics. This outturn figure is different to that included in Appendix A, which is based on the most up-to-date figures available immediately before this report is sent to print. These tables have been populated with regional data taken from each of the authorities 2006 published Performance Plans (this Authority has had updated statistics attributed where appropriate).



For clarity, current calculations are based on the following data which has been updated for the full reporting year in line with the guidance set out by the DCLG:

	Figure	Source
Population of Shropshire	453300	Registrar General Mid Term Estimates 2006
Domestic dwellings in Shropshire	188954	Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) 2006
Non-domestic dwellings in Shropshire	15257	Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) 2006

Appendix E gives information on injuries, which have been sustained whilst on duty, and if they have any impact on sickness absence. Therefore, a brief summary of the number of accidents, RIDDOR reportable numbers and days lost is given by month.

Appendix F is included to allow for further analysis of indicators on request, or to enable local indicators to be included, again currently by request.

### Supplementary Notes

- An estimated figure has been included for BVPI 150 - Expenditure per head of population, as this is calculated on an annual basis, and verified in arrears.
- Trend Lines on graphs are not based on seasonal variations.

## 5 Performance

Performance is summarised and recorded within the following appendices:

- **Appendix A** gives the estimated 2006/07 Estimated Outturn based on the latest available statistics (not actual and is unverified).
- **Appendix B** includes 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 had updated statistics applied where appropriate).
- **Appendix C** is for monitoring purposes, based on the availability of retained and wholtime firefighters in the County.
- **Appendix D** Accidents on duty and those leading to sickness absence.
- **Appendix E** Local Indicator Report giving further background detail. This appendix will be used to give further analysis details where requested by either Members or Policy Group



## **6 Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications arising directly 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 are promulgated at Annex D of the Fire and Rescue Service National Framework Document 2006/08. As a consequence, these BVPIs and associated targets appear in the Fire Authority's Performance Plan 2006/08.

## **8 Equality Impact Assessment**

Officers have considered the Service's Brigade Order on Equality Impact Assessments (Personnel 5 Part 2) and have decided that there are no discriminatory practices or differential impacts upon specific groups arising from this report. This is a factual report based on historical statistical data, with no recommendations for change and, therefore, has no direct impact on people. An Initial Equality Impact Assessment has not, therefore, been completed.

## **9 Appendices**

### **Appendix A**

2006/07 Estimated Outturn (not actual and is unverified)

### **Appendix B**

Performance Information on Current BVPIs for 2005/06

### **Appendix C**

OPS3 Appliance Availability / Crewing

### **Appendix D**

Accidents on duty and those leading to sickness absence

### **Appendix E**

Local Indicator Report

## **10 Background Papers**

### **Office of the Deputy Prime Minister**

Fire Service Circular 60-2004 (December 2004) Guidance for Best Value

Performance Indicators (BVPIs) 2005/06

Fire Service Circular 14-2005 (March 2005) Revised Guidance for Best Value

Performance Indicators (BVPIs) 2005/06

Fire and Rescue Service National Framework Document 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.

Balanced Score Card		Integrated Risk Management Planning	
Business Continuity Planning		Legal	*
Capacity		Member Involvement	*
Civil Contingencies Act		National Framework	*
Comprehensive Performance Assessment		Operational Assurance	
Efficiency Savings		Retained	
Environmental		Risk and Insurance	
Financial		Staff	
Fire Control/Fire Link		Strategic Planning	
Information Communications and Technology		West Midlands Regional Management Board	
Freedom of Information / Data Protection / Environmental Information		Equality Impact Assessment	*

