

Safest People, Safest Places

County Durham and Darlington
Fire and Rescue Authority



COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY

22 NOVEMBER 2017

MEMBER ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE

REPORT OF CHAIR

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To provide feedback to members on the recent Combined Fire Authority (CFA) Conference held on 12 October 2017.

BACKGROUND

2. Members have agreed to feedback a summary of any key issues emerging from conferences, events or seminars they have attended on behalf of the Authority.
3. The CFA Conference is held annually at Wyboston Lakes in Bedfordshire. This year's conference covered a number of key issues including: an update from the Home Office on progress with the Policing and Crime Act 2017; the Inspection Process for Fire and Rescue Services; Fire Funding Policy; Mental Health implications for employers; Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service's approach to workforce reform; the Retained Duty System (RDS) workstream from the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC); and a collaboration on risk management and protection.
4. The Chair, the Chief Fire Officer and the Workforce Development Manager, Katherine Metcalfe delivered a presentation on the apprenticeship scheme the Service have introduced and the lessons learned from this process.
5. A summary of the main presentations attended and the implications for the Authority is set out in Appendix A.

RECOMMENDATION

6. Members are asked to **note** the report.