



COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY

24 NOVEMBER 2016

MEMBER ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE

REPORT OF COUNCILLOR ROBINSON

Purpose of Report

1. To provide feedback to members from the recent Westminster Briefing entitled “The Reform to the Fire and Rescue Service”, held on the 06 October 2016 and also the Combined Fire Authority (CFA) Conference held on the 27 October 2016.

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. Westminster Briefing hold a series of events throughout the year with this event focussing on key strands of work in relation to the reform of the fire and rescue service. Speakers at the event ranged from senior civil servants with a responsibility for fire, who provided the government’s perspective on the reform, to officers from fire and rescue services who were implementing reform. Appendix A provides a summary of the presentations with the implications to this Authority noted where appropriate
4. The CFA conference is an annual event aimed at covering the key political and operational issues impacting on FRA’s. This year’s conference included an address from Brandon Lewis, the Minister of State for Policing and the Fire Service. Appendix B provides a summary of the presentations with the implications to the Authority noted where appropriate.

Recommendation

5. Members are asked to **note** the report and the attached briefing papers.