



# Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority

<b>MEETING</b>	Fire Authority
<b>DATE OF MEETING</b>	18 October 2017
<b>OFFICER</b>	Graham Britten, Director of Legal and Governance
<b>LEAD MEMBER</b>	Councillor Roger Reed
<b>SUBJECT OF THE REPORT</b>	<b>The Policing and Crime Act 2017 and the Authority</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b>	<p>The purpose of this report (Annex) is to expand on the legal background provided to the Authority at its meeting on 7 June 2017 when it considered the proposal received from the Thames Valley Deputy Police &amp; Crime Commissioner on 31 May 2017.</p> <p>It also provides an update on the matters discussed at that June meeting.</p> <p>The update provides an overview of the requirements introduced by the Policing and Crime Act 2017 relating to a) a Police &amp; Crime Commissioner's interests in a fire and rescue authority and b) the duty for emergency services to collaborate. It is intended to be a companion paper to Item 9. The changes made by the Act to introduce the independent inspection regime for fire and rescue services are not part of this update.</p>
<b>ACTION</b>	Noting.
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	That the report be noted.
<b>RISK MANAGEMENT</b>	No issues arising from the recommendations.
<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	None arising from the recommendations.
<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	Covered in the report.
<b>CONSISTENCY WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE DUTY TO COLLABORATE</b>	The <a href="#">Policing and Crime Act 2017</a> requires the Authority to keep opportunities for collaboration with the police and ambulance services under review. The Authority has committed to a default position of collaboration with Thames Valley Fire and Rescue Authorities unless a clear business case favours an alternative collaborative option.
<b>HEALTH AND SAFETY</b>	No issues arising from the recommendations.

<b>EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY</b>	No issues arising from the recommendations.
<b>USE OF RESOURCES</b>	<p>At its meeting on 12 July 2017, the Executive Committee considered and recommended to the Authority for approval 2015-20 Corporate Plan: Mid-Term Review and Refresh (Agenda Item 7a, of today’s meeting).</p> <p>The updated Corporate Plan has been aligned with the collaboration priorities agreed between the three Thames Valley Chief Fire Officers in February 2017 and also identifies other areas in which collaboration opportunities with other blue light Services will be pursued.</p>
<b>PROVENANCE SECTION &amp; BACKGROUND PAPERS</b>	<p><b>Background</b></p> <p><a href="#">Fire Authority 7 June 2017 Late Urgent Item Proposal from the Thames Valley Deputy Police Commissioner</a></p>
<b>APPENDICES</b>	<p>Appendix A Letter from CFO Thelwell to the Office of the Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner, 12 June 2017</p> <p>Appendix B ‘Independent Assessment Process’, the Home Office, August 2017</p> <p>Appendix C Letter from Nick Hurd MP to all Fire and Rescue Authority Chairs in England and All Police and Crime Commissioners in England, 31 August 2017</p> <p>Appendix D Announcement of the Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner, 16 August 2017</p> <p>Appendix E Letter from CFO Thelwell to the Home Office, 28 July 2017</p> <p>Appendix F Email from Matthew Watts, Police Strategy and Reform Unit to CFO Thelwell, 16 August 2017</p>
<b>TIME REQUIRED</b>	15 minutes.
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