

**EFFICIENCY AND PRODUCTIVITY PLAN
2024/25****REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER****For Approval****1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To seek Members' approval for the Authority's Efficiency and Productivity Plan 2024/25 attached at Appendix 1.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Members approve the Authority's Efficiency and Productivity Plan 2024/25 attached at Appendix 1.
- 2.2 That Members note the Efficiency and Productivity Plan 2024/25 will be published on the Brigade's website by 31 March 2024.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The 'Fire and Rescue National Framework for England' requires Fire and Rescue Authorities (FRAs) to produce and publish annual efficiency plans. From 2023/24 there was a specific ask from the Minister of State for Crime, Policing and Fire that FRAs produce plans that not only cover planned efficiencies, but also their plans for increasing productivity.
- 3.2 As part of the 2021/22 Spending Review, the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) and the Local Government Association (LGA) proposed that across Fire and Rescue Services (FRSs) in England, the fire and rescue sector could create 2% of non-pay efficiencies and increase productivity by 3% by 2024/25.
- 3.3 The 2024/25 Efficiency and Productivity Plan attached at Appendix 1 will help the NFCC, LGA and Home Office to collate evidence and assess progress at national level against the agreed Spending Review Goals. At a local level it will provide a snapshot of the Authority's prudent approach to using public resources.

4. **CLEVELAND FIRE AUTHORITY'S EFFICIENCY AND PRODUCTIVITY PLAN**

- 4.1 Cleveland Fire Authority's Efficiency and Productivity Plan 2024/25 is attached at Appendix 1.

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