

West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service Productivity and Efficiency Plan 2024 - 2025

The National Framework sets a requirement that combined and metropolitan Fire and Rescue Authorities (FRAs) produce and publish efficiency Plans. There is a specific ask from the Minister of State for Crime, Policing and Fire that in 2024/25, all FRAs regardless of their governance type produce plans that not only cover their planned efficiencies, but also plans for increasing productivity.

Proposal

1 Background and context

- 1.1 As part of the current Spending Review, the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) and the Local Government Association (LGA) have suggested that between 2021/22 and 2024/25, fire and rescue services (FRS) in England should publish a Productivity and Efficiency plan that sets out how they plan to increase each respectively.
- 1.2 This was a requirement placed on standalone FRSs in England already. This year, for the first time, the Minister requested Council FRSs also produce a plan.

2 Proposal details

- 2.1 This plan describes the current funding assumptions and gives specific detail on how this money is spent within the service.
- 2.2 It highlights how the service has contributed to closing the budget gap in the wider Council through organisational efficiencies.
- 2.3 The plan demonstrates current performance and how it is delivering value for money compared to other fire and rescue services. As well as defining how it aspires to improve productivity and efficiency.
- 2.4 Please see link here to full plan: [Productivity and Efficiency Plan 2024/25](#)