

**FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITIES' EFFICIENCY PLANS  
– LETTER FROM THE RT HON MIKE PENNING MP,  
MINISTER FOR POLICING, FIRE, CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND VICTIMS**

SUMMARY

1. This report brings to the attention of Members a letter that has recently been received from The Rt Hon Mike Penning MP, Minister for Policing, Fire, Criminal Justice and Victims, on the subject of Fire and Rescue Authorities' Efficiency Plans and four-year funding allocations to 2019/20.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That Members support the uptake of the offer from Government of a four-year funding allocation and that the associated efficiency plan be considered at the 23 September 2016 HFA meeting.

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3. Attached as Appendix 1 of this report is a letter received from The Rt Hon Mike Penning MP, Minister for Policing, Fire, Criminal Justice and Victims on 24 May 2016.
4. The letter sets out further details and requirements in relation to the Government's offer of a 'firm four-year funding allocation to 2019-20'.
5. In order to be considered for the 'offer' it is necessary to produce a robust, transparent and locally owned efficiency plan which meets the criteria set out in the Annex to the letter.
6. Reassurances have been sought that those Authorities (like Humberside) that have already made significant efficiencies over the period 2010 to 2016 (£10.5m) will not be penalised due to the forward-looking nature of the efficiency plans requested.
7. With the support of Members it is considered to be beneficial to take-up the offer from Government and consequently work will be undertaken to develop an efficiency plan that dovetails with the Authority's Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP).
8. The efficiency plan will be brought for consideration by Members at the 23 September 2016 HFA meeting before the deadline of 14 October 2016.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPATIBILITY

9. The Authority's Medium-Term Financial Plan coupled with firm four-year funding allocations would provide a sound foundation for strategic planning over the medium-term.

