

**TO:** Policy and Resources Committee

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## **NATIONAL FIRE CHIEFS COUNCIL BENEFITS REPORT**

### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an overview of the benefits that can be achieved by the Service continuing to subscribe to the Chief Fire Officers Association (CFOA) and in doing so support the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) and its work streams.

### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 The Policy and Resources Committee is asked to;
- approve continued subscription to and therefore support of CFOA and the NFCC,
  - note the contents of membership benefits detailed in **Appendix 1**.

### **3. Background**

- 3.1 At its meeting on 30 June 2016 the Authority agreed to financially support the restructure of CFOA through continued subscription. CFOA is a registered charity and company with an eight strong a Board of Trustees (selected to represent the range of governance models in place across the fire and rescue service community) who manage the Association, ensure appropriate governance and have oversight of the trading activities. As an organisation it seeks to drive improvement, deliver efficient solutions and promote the work of the fire and rescue service as a viable, effective and positive partner capable of delivering results across the wider social landscape. The NFCC is a committee of CFOA, who as the entity responsible for the financial administration of the charity, absorb any costs arising from NFCC's Annual Plan and administrative/governance support.
- 3.2 Every public UK fire and rescue service pays a 'Professional Partnership' fee to CFOA which is determined by the NFCC's requirements and the operating costs of the charity. The fee for 2019/20 has been set at £50,000 ex VAT.
- 3.3 The NFCC drives improvement and development throughout the UK fire and rescue service and supports strong leadership of the sector including the devolved administrations. The NFCC enables locally accountable Chief Fire Officers or their

representatives to coordinate the work of the sector to protect the public and improve community safety.

- 3.4 Our own Chief Fire Officer (CFO) sits on the NFCC Council meetings as our service representative and is also the Chair of the Sector Resources Committee. A number of other Officers from Cambridgeshire also contribute to the various work streams collectively ensuring a positive service and therefore Authority profile is maintained and our voice is heard.
- 3.5 The document at Appendix 1, entitled National Fire Chiefs Council – Achieving More Together, sets out in more detail the benefits membership brings to the Authority; Officer experience endorses the claim that solutions can be achieved efficiently and effectively together and that buying into a national co-ordinated approach represents value for money.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY

Source Document	Location	Contact Officer
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