

**AGENDA ITEM**

**INDEPENDENT AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**APRIL 2024**

**2024/25 PRODUCTIVITY AND EFFICIENCY STATEMENT**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 This report is to provide IAC with information regarding NYFRS' submission to the Home Office of our Annual Productivity and Efficiency Statement.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 Our second Productivity and Efficiency Plan sets out the ongoing financial challenge currently faced by the Authority and illustrates the recent transformation savings that have been delivered by the Service.
- 2.2 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 produce plans that not only cover their planned efficiencies, but also plans for increasing productivity.
- 2.3 This plan addresses this requirement. In addition to this, and 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 to also increase productivity by 3% by 2024/25.
- 2.4 Therefore, this plan will help the NFCC, LGA and Home Office to collate evidence and to assess likely progress at national level against the agreed Spending Review Goals.

**3. RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 The Committee should note the contents of the attached statement, which was submitted prior to deadline and signed off by the CFO and Section 151 Officer.