

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

Part I of the Local Government Act 1999 imposes requirements on fire and rescue authorities and other authorities to secure continuous improvement in the way in which their functions are exercised, having regard to economy, efficiency and effectiveness. Section 4(1) of that Act confers a power on the Welsh Ministers to specify by Order best value performance indicators applicable to fire and rescue authorities and other authorities.

Article 2 of this Order specifies that the performance indicators set out in Schedules 1 and 2 to this Order are to be the indicators by which a fire and rescue authority's performance will be measured.

A regulatory impact assessment has been prepared in connection with this Order and a copy can be obtained from Fire and Rescue Branch, Community Safety Division, Welsh Assembly Government, Rhydycar, Merthyr Tydfil, CF48 1UZ (telephone 01685 729221).