LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Meeting to be held on 29th November 2017

FLEET ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN (Appendix 1 refers)

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Executive Summary

This is the fourth Fleet Asset Management Plan (FAMP) which continues to build on a structured approach to the management of operational vehicles, equipment, breathing apparatus and hydrant assets.

The FAMP is key in determining strategic decisions regarding assets and defining how resources are efficiently and effectively utilised. This will ensure that LFRS's vehicles and equipment provide a resilient service to meet the changing needs of a modern Fire and Rescue Service and the communities it serves.

Whilst the FAMP projects asset replacement over the next twenty years, in reality, the plan sets out an improvement plan over the next three years. The plan will be refreshed on a three year cycle to ensure it continues to accurately reflect the operating environment. This approach secures stability in capital and revenue budgets and facilitates the introduction of new technologies through a staged approach.

The FAMP also covers short and medium term business planning improvement objectives. The Service's Fleet and Engineering Services department will continue to strive for improvement by maintaining a strong focus on customer care.

Recommendation

Members are asked to note and endorse the Fleet Asset Management Plan.

Information

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Running a modern Fleet is a safety critical operation which must ensure employee and public safety. This is achieved through best practice in vehicle inspection, maintenance, operation and procurement. LFRS also ensure compliance to Department of Transport and Driver & Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) regulations on construction, use and roadworthiness.

Key projects in the 2018/21 FAMP are:

- Body worn CCTV;
- Battery RTC Tools;

- Ladder policy and specification;
- Replace Command Support Units;
- Breathing Apparatus and Telemetry Equipment.

Running alongside the FAMP, Fleet and Engineering Services department also hold an improvement plan, which focuses on four key performance areas:

- Customer building stronger working relations and meeting requirements;
- Financial achieve efficiency savings and maintain a healthy replacement plan;
- Systems continued development of asset management systems;
- Development / Growth invest in staff training and development.

The above in conjunction with the FAMP ensures that Fleet and Engineering Services continue to provide the best possible support to Service Delivery.

Business Risk

LFRS must continue to maintain a healthy replacement plan to achieve an effective response service and to maintain a robust business continuity plan.

Environmental Impact

LFRS has committed to the green agenda, therefore by introducing vehicle technology (euro six spec) will reduce emissions and carbon foot print.

Equality & Diversity Implications

None.

HR Implications

Fleet and Engineering Services will liaise closely with HR on changes to departmental structure employment contracts and or service provision.

Financial Implications

Capital and revenue budgets will be reviewed annually to ensure affordability is achieved. LFRS currently spend approximately £1.5m on vehicle and £0.5m on equipment and Breathing Apparatus assets per annum.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers

None.

Paper	Date	Contact
Reason for inclusion in Part 2, if appropriate:		