

LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY

Meeting to be held on 18 December 2017

CORPORATE SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT POLICY

(Appendix 1 refers)

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Executive Summary

Under Section 2(3) of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, employers must prepare, and where necessary revise, a written statement of health and safety policy. The existing safety, health and environment policy document, which was last considered by the Authority in September 2016, has been recently reviewed, amended as required, and is now ready for approval.

As the health and safety and environment functions are managed in a similar way it is considered appropriate for the Authority to declare its intent for both health and safety and environment in the same document.

As the employing body, the policy document is 'owned' by the Combined Fire Authority and requires endorsement by both the Chair of the Authority and Chief Fire Officer. Following approval, it will be displayed on all Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS) premises.

The revised corporate Safety, Health and Environment Policy is attached as Appendix 1.

Recommendation

The Authority is asked to endorse the revised policy.

Business Risk

The corporate Safety, Health and Environment Policy is a key document which informs all organisational activity and seeks to ensure that the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act and associated legislation together with Environmental Acts and legislation are met. Any failure to maintain the currency of the policy may endanger and impact upon both LFRS staff, the general public and the environment, leaving the Authority open to potential legal action, economic sanction and public criticism.

Environmental Impact

The Safety, Health and Environment policy seeks to reduce the impact LFRS has on the environment and natural resources and looks at ways of adapting to the changing climate.

Equality and Diversity Implications

An initial Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken with no negative impacts.

Financial Implications

None

Human Resource Implications

None

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

| Paper | Date | Contact |
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| Minutes of CFA meeting | September 2006 | Director of People and Development, Bob Warren Telephone 01772 866804 |
| Minutes of CFA meeting | 28 th April 2008 | As above |
| Corporate Health and Safety Policy Document | 20 th June 2011 | As above |
| Corporate Safety, Health and Environment Policy Document | 9 th September 2013 | As above |
| Corporate Safety, Health and Environment Policy Document | 19 th September 2016 | As above |
| Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate: N/A | | |