

**LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Meeting to be held on Monday 21 November 2016

**Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan 2017 – 2022
(Appendix 1 refers)**

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Executive Summary

The draft Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) 2017 - 2022 (appendix 1) provides details of what Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS) intends to do over the forthcoming five year period to identify and assess the full range of fire and rescue related risks within Lancashire. Our Integrated Risk Management Planning processes provide the opportunity to demonstrate how we intend to fulfil our responsibilities in a clear, cohesive way, to both our communities and other interested parties. In writing an IRMP each Fire Authority must pay due regard to the National Framework guidance issued by central government.

Maintaining a clear and current understanding of the risks that affect Lancashire's communities underpins everything we do – driving both our governance and planning arrangements.

The IRMP 2017-2022:

- Highlights Lancashire's risks;
- Explains how LFRS will manage and reduce fire and rescue related risk in Lancashire;
- Sets out our priorities and values;
- Sets out our ambitions against each priority and states how we aim to deliver these;
- Illustrates how we will measure and assure performance.

This paper explains the approach taken in producing the IRMP and outlines some of the key changes which have been made to the new plan.

Recommendation

The Authority is asked to approve the draft Integrated Risk Management Plan 2017-2022 and consent to proceed to public consultation on 28th November 2016 for a period of 6 weeks.

Consultation outcomes will be presented to the Planning Committee meeting on Monday 30th January 2017 for scrutiny. Following the outcome of the consultation (which will include staff consultation) process a final version of the Integrated Risk Management Plan will be presented to the Combined Fire Authority on Monday 20th February 2017 for approval and publication thereafter.

Information

The new Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) 2017 - 2022 will be Authority's replacement for the current IRMP 2013-2017. In preparing the IRMP for this period the widespread staff consultation approach on content, which has been undertaken previously, has not been adopted. This is because this IRMP is not linked to an Emergency Cover Review and there are no specific items for consultation. The approach to this IRMP has been through the engagement of a working group who have shared their views, ideas and suggestions and thereby helped to inform and shape this key document.

Key changes within the Integrated Risk Management Plan 2017 – 2022:

- The document covers a 5-year period; this extended period takes account of the fact that the IRMP is an overarching and enabling document that is underpinned by various other strategic Service publications; examples being the Strategic Assessment of Risk (SAOR), Annual Service Plan (ASP) and Annual Progress Report (APR). These will be hyperlinked from the IRMP with amended and updated versions made available each year thus aiming to evolve the IRMP into a real-time, working document.
- Strategic risks previously included are now referenced within the Strategic Assessment of Risk (SAOR). This new publication provides a thorough assessment of fire and rescue related risk and will be refreshed annually, thus providing an improved picture of risk for the IRMP.
- Given the simultaneous expiry of the Community Safety Strategy (2014-17), we have taken the opportunity to encapsulate this strategic direction for the Service into the IRMP document (within section 5). This places the interlocking components of Start Safe, Live Safe, Age Safe and Road Safe at the core of our approach to reducing risk and improving public safety.
- The articulation of our values through STRIVE is enhanced with definitions of our values, provided to support our staff in developing a working environment in which everyone can feel engaged, valued and respected.
- The IRMP does not incorporate the Emergency Cover Review. This will be conducted and consulted upon separately during 2017/18.

Benefits

Approval of the draft Integrated Risk Management Plan 2017-2022 will allow us to proceed to public consultation on 28th November 2016 for a period of 6 weeks. This approach will meet the guidance in the National Framework.

Financials

Production of the IRMP falls within existing budgets and no abnormal spends are anticipated. As with the publication of the last IRMP, the move to publishing the IRMP in a fully digital format reduces costs compared to previous printed versions.

Business Risk

Production of the IRMP is a business critical planning function. LFRS must produce an IRMP in line with National Framework guidance issued by central government.

Environmental Impact

Inevitably there will be a requirement for a printed version of the IRMP (on request) however the approach taken will be 'digital by default' and therefore the environmental impact will be minimal with no sustainability issues identified.

Equality and Diversity Implications

Usual distribution media will be employed to assist persons with access to information. The IRMP will be available in a variety of languages and/or a format suitable for impaired consultees.

HR Implications

None

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact Justin Johnston Tel. 01772 866801
Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate:		