

**LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Meeting to be held on Monday 8 February 2021

STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT OF RISK AND INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN

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Executive Summary

This paper provides an update on the work to date on the formulation of the Strategic Assessment of Risk (SAoR) and planning for production and consultation on the Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) commencing April 2022.

Recommendation

The Planning Committee is asked to note and approve the contents of the paper.

Information

In April 2022 the Service is required to deliver the next Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) as required within the “Fire and Rescue National Framework” published in May 2018. The guidance within this document requires that our IRMP must:

1. Reflect up to date risk analyses including an assessment of all foreseeable fire and rescue related risks that could affect the area of the authority;
2. Demonstrate how prevention, protection and response activities will best be used to prevent fires and other incidents and mitigate the impact of identified risks on its communities, through authorities working either individually or collectively, in a way that makes best use of available resources;
3. Outline required service delivery outcomes including the allocation of resources for the mitigation of risks;
4. Set out its management strategy and risk-based programme for enforcing the provisions of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 in accordance with the principles of better regulation set out in the Statutory Code of Compliance for Regulators, and the Enforcement Concordat;
5. Cover at least a three-year time span and be reviewed and revised as often as it is necessary to ensure that the authority is able to deliver the requirements set out in this Framework;
6. Reflect effective consultation throughout its development and at all review stages with the community, its workforce and representative bodies and partners; and
7. Be easily accessible and publicly available.

In order for Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS) to efficiently discharge the requirement, it is essential that suitable and sufficient resource and time is allocated to the planning and production of the IRMP and supporting documents such as the Strategic Assessment of Risk (SAoR), and associated strategic documents, policies, plans and governance statements.

Work has started on a new and revised SAoR format that will deliver prior to April 2021. This will underpin and guide the next iteration of the IRMP, based upon a robust data-led methodology which, when coupled with the new district intelligence profiles, provides LFRS with a refreshed evidence-led direction for future Prevention, Protection and Operational Response activities over the medium term.

Through our linkages into national workstreams running under the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC), we remain closely aligned to emerging work pertaining to Risk Management Planning and intend to evolve the IRMP, so far as is reasonably practicable, aligned to this emerging sector-led guidance as new information becomes available.

A timeline for planned work can be seen below:

IRMP 2022 – 27 Milestone Chart	
Date	Activity
01/10/2020	SAoR and IRMP Planning and Shaping
01/11/2020	SAoR and IRMP Development Commences
18/01/2021	Working groups formed for SAoR and IRMP
01/02/2021	SAoR methodology complete
12/02/2021	Risk table completed
13/02/2021	IRMP production commences
28/02/2021	First draft SAoR completed
01/07/2021	Strategy Group – progress update with draft IRMP
12/07/2021	Planning Committee – Draft IRMP approval to consult
14/07/2021	Draft IRMP consultation to start (10 weeks)
21/09/2021	Draft IRMP consultation ends (10 weeks)
22/09/2021	Formulate consultation report and prepare amended draft
18/10/2021	Strategy Group – Present progress to date
15/11/2021	Planning Committee – Final Draft
21/02/2022	Full CFA – Final IRMP presented for approval
01/04/2022	IRMP published

The SAoR is currently taking shape in the basic statistical framework, before being progressed to internal stakeholder groups for consultation and professional judgement to be applied with any supporting rationale suitably documented.

Once the risk categories have been finalised through the stakeholder groups, work will commence in tandem to complete the final version of the SAoR and the inception of the IRMP document that will be presented in an update to Strategy Group in early July.

Thereafter, Planning Committee will be asked to approve the opening of consultation for a 10-week period from mid-July. We are presently in discussion with other Fire and Rescue Services who are planning / undertaking consultation work, to learn from their experiences and to best position the Service to deliver an effective consultation exercise over the 10-week period, despite the constraints arising from the potentially ongoing pandemic.

Business Risk

Potential failure to discharge a business-critical planning function.

Environmental Impact

Largely digital dissemination and consultation is likely hence considered low.

Equality & Diversity Implications

IRMP to be subject to Equality Impact Assessment as required upon completion.

HR Implications

N/A

Financial Implications

N/A

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List of Background Papers**

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