

LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Meeting to be held on 29 September 2021

MODERN SLAVERY (Appendix 1 refers)

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Table 1 Executive Summary and Recommendations

Executive Summary

Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS) support the implementation of the Modern Slavery Act 2015. The Act consolidates slavery and trafficking offences, introduces tougher penalties and sentencing rules and provides more support for victims.

We recognise our responsibilities as an employer and procurer/commissioner of services and are committed to doing all that we can to prevent slavery and human trafficking in our corporate activities and to ensuring that our supply chains are free from slavery and/or human trafficking.

The attached statement (appendix 1) sets out the current position within the Service following the introduction of the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

Recommendation(s)

The Committee is asked to approve the Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement for publication on our website.

Information

Modern slavery is a crime and a violation of fundamental human rights. It takes various forms, such as slavery, servitude, forced and compulsory labour and human trafficking, all of which have in common the deprivation of a person's liberty by another in order to exploit them for personal or commercial gain. To tackle these crimes, the Modern Slavery Act 2015 was introduced.

The attached statement sets out the Authority's zero-tolerance approach to modern slavery, human trafficking and all forms of servitude and forced and compulsory labour in all our own business and relationships, and in any of our supply chains.

Business Risk

Section 54 of the Act makes provision for new business measures, which requires companies with an annual turnover above £36m, and carrying out a business, or part of a business in the UK, to develop a Modern Slavery statement, also known as a Transparency in Supply Chains statement, which is to be updated and published annually.

Following consultation in 2019, Section 54 of the Act will include provision for all public sector authorities to publish their own annual Modern Slavery statements as of 1 April 2021, and applying to actions taken in the previous financial year.

Environmental Impact

None

Equality and Diversity Implications

None

HR Implications

None

Financial Implications

None

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

Table 2 Details of any background papers

Paper:	
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Reason for inclusion in Part 2 if appropriate:	