

# LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

Meeting to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021

## PREVENTION, PROTECTION AND RESPONSE STRATEGIES

(Appendices 1, 2 and 3 refer)

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*Table 1 Executive Summary and Recommendations*

### **Executive Summary**

Fire and Rescue Authorities (FRAs) are required by the National Framework to produce a local Community Risk Management Plan that sets out the Authority's strategy, in collaboration with other agencies, for reducing the commercial, economic, and social impact of fires and other emergency incidents.

This report details how the Community Risk Management Plan 2022-27 has been drafted to include 5 underpinning strategies providing a greater level of detail:

- Prevention strategy- preventing- fires and other emergencies from happening;
- Protection strategy- protecting people and property when they happen;
- Response strategy- responding to fires and other emergencies quickly and competently;
- People strategy- valuing our people so they can focus on Making Lancashire safer;
- Finance strategy- delivering value for money in and how we use our resources.

### **Recommendation(s)**

Planning Committee Members are asked to note the 5 key strategies that underpin the draft CRMP 2022-2027 and approve the Prevention, Protection and Response Strategies.

### **Information**

Whilst there are 5 key Strategies within the draft Community Risk Management Plan 2022-2027, this report provides detail with regards to three of these strategies, these being:

- Prevention Strategy, preventing- fires and other emergencies from happening (Appendix 1)
- Protection Strategy, protecting people and property when they happen (Appendix 2)
- Response Strategy, responding to fires and other emergencies quickly and competently (Appendix 3)

The People Strategy seeks to recruit and deliver a workforce which is resilient, highly skilled, flexible, diverse and which can deliver the Service's aim of keeping the people of Lancashire safer. The People Strategy will be presented to Resources Committee at the December 2021 meeting for their review and approval.

The Finance Strategy providing detail with regards to revenue, capital and reserves and balances will be presented to the Full Combined Fire Authority meeting in February 2022 for their review and approval.

### **Prevention Strategy, preventing- fires and other emergencies from happening**

This prevention strategy provides more detail on how we will deliver and develop prevention services during the CRMP period, the Prevention Strategy 2022-27 encompasses the following key areas:

- Working collaboratively with our partners and communities;
- Using incident intelligence and data to drive our activities;
- Fire safety in the home;
- Arson risk in the home, built environment and outdoors;
- Road safety;
- Water safety;
- Early action, education, and youth engagement.

### **Protection Strategy, protecting people and property when they happen**

The Protection Strategy 2022-27 explains how we intend to assess risk in Lancashire's built environment and thereafter deploy fire protection, community safety and operational resources to manage that risk efficiently and effectively by:

- Working collaboratively
- Delivering our services intelligently
- Continuing to improve and innovate
- Operating a risk-based inspection programme
- Managing the risk created by unwanted fire signals
- Adapting to new legislation and responsibilities
- Recruiting, training, developing, and retaining a competent workforce
- Supporting compliance through campaigns, business engagement and support
- Enforcing compliance through transparent enforcement management and prosecutions
- Linking protection activity to community safety
- Linking protection activity to response and preparedness
- Protecting Lancashire's heritage
- Measuring and evaluating our performance

## **Response Strategy, responding to fires and other emergencies quickly and competently**

The 2022-27 Response Strategy outlines how Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service will respond to a range of emergencies and operational incidents and manage our resources to enable the most appropriate and efficient response.

The 5 strategies will be presented to Combined Fire Authority meetings for review and subsequent approvals as detailed in the below summary table:

Monday 12 July 2021	Draft CRMP (including the Prevention, Protection and Response strategies) goes to CFA planning committee for approval to consult
Wednesday 14 July 2021	Consultation starts
Tuesday 21 September 2021	Consultation ends
Wednesday 1 December 2021	People strategy goes to the Resources Committee
Monday 21 February 2022	Finance strategy goes to the CFA meeting
Monday 15 November 2021	Final draft of CRMP goes to CFA planning committee for approval
Monday 21 February 2022	Final CRMP presented to full CFA for approval
Friday 1 April 2022	CRMP (including the 5 strategies) published

### **Benefits**

Our CRMP 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. The 5 strategies demonstrate how prevention, protection, response, people, and finance activities will best be used to 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.

### **Financials**

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

### **Business Risk**

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

### **Environmental Impact**

Inevitably there will be a requirement for a printed version of the CRMP (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 CRMP can be made 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

*Table 2 Details of any background papers*

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