LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY

PLANNING COMMITTEE
Meeting to be held on 15 November 2021

STRATEGIC ASSESMENT OF RISK 2021/22

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Table 1Executive Summary and Recommendations

Executive Summary

This year's Strategic Assessment of Risk (SAoR), which was first published in 2016, has been refreshed for the year 2021/22 and utilises data from our Incident Recording System which has helped us identify our highest risk activities/incidents.

The SAoR is branded to inform and support the drafting of the Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) 2022/27 and the 2022/23 Annual Service Plan, by capturing the dynamic picture of the changing risk in Lancashire.

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Recommendation(s)

The Planning Committee is asked to note and endorse the 2021/22 SAoR.
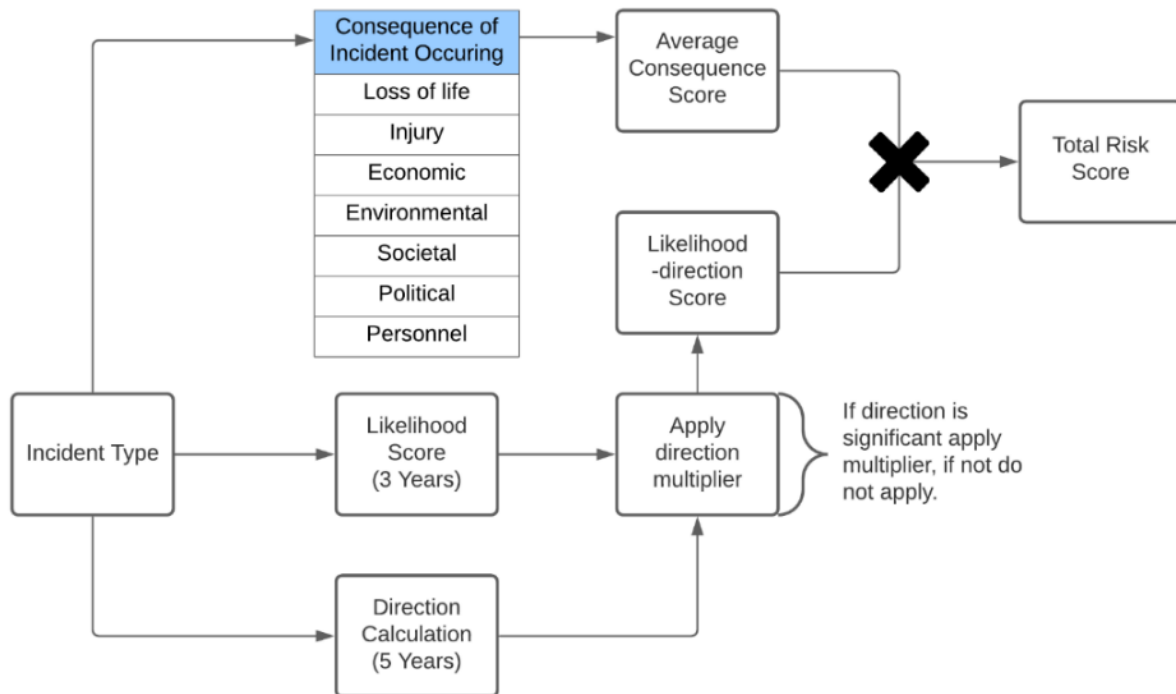

Background

Strategic Assessment of Risk

Risk in Lancashire will always remain dynamic; it changes over time, differs by area and demographic, and needs different interventions to reduce the likelihood of the risk occurring or to lessen its consequences. We identify these risks in our SAoR which is refreshed annually and is also informed by the Lancashire Resilience Forum Community Risk Register. Through our risk management framework we continually assess changing risk and prioritise our response framework. A wider consultation has also taken place, involving District Councils, LCC and Lancashire Constabulary, in order to gain a more complete collaborative picture of the perceived risk from the viewpoint of all organisations.

This year's document again builds on previous iterations as we seek to continually improve our risk management processes and utilises data from our Incident Recording System which has helped us identify our highest risk activities/incidents.

The Strategic Assessment of Risk reflects the knowledge and experience of a variety of specialist departments and is consolidated each summer to allow for departmental plans to be produced and for our Service's annual planning day. The document will support the publication of the draft Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) 2022/27 and moreover the draft Annual Service Plan 2022/23.

The 201/22 SAoR further builds on previous versions of the annual risk assessment methodology whereby each of the 32 incident types such as domestic fires, flooding and road traffic collisions have been quantified using a likelihood and consequence score.

The likelihood element looks at the frequency of the incident type occurring within Lancashire utilising the incident data for the previous 3 years. The consequence score is determined by an average derived from seven categories, these being loss of life, injury, economic, environmental, societal, political and impact upon staff, the matrix to define the SAoR is displayed below:

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Business Risk

The SAoR is an integral part of the Service's Risk Management Framework and captures the high-level risks that the Service must prepare for and respond to. It forms a key part of our planning process culminating in the development of our Annual Service Plan.

Sustainability or Environmental Impact

None directly attributed to the production of the SAoR.

Equality and Diversity Implications

The Annual Service Plan and Strategic Assessment of Risk have been produced in accordance with accessibility guidelines and have Equality Impact Assessments.

HR Implications

No implications

Financial Implications

The Strategic Assessment of Risk will not be printed and will therefore incur no additional costs.

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List of Background Papers

Table 2 Details of any background papers

Paper:	
Date:	
Contact:	Ben Norman, ACFO
Reason for inclusion in Part 2 if appropriate:	