

LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY

Meeting to be held on Monday 13 December 2021

NOTES OF STRATEGY GROUP HELD ON MONDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2021

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Executive Summary

Report on proceedings of Lancashire Combined Fire Authority Strategy Group held at the Service Training Centre, Euxton on Monday, 18 October 2021.

Recommendation

That the Authority note the proceedings as set out in this report.

PRESENT:

Councillors

D O'Toole (Chairman)
J Shedwick (Vice-Chair)
L Beavers
P Britcliffe
S Clarke
M Dad
N Hennessy
J Hugo
K Iddon
F Jackson
A Kay

H Khan
J Mein
G Mirfin
M Pattison
J Rigby
P Rigby
S Serridge
J Singleton
D Smith
T Williams
R Woollam

Information

4-20/21 NATIONAL CONTEXT

The Chief Fire Officer presented Members with an overview of the National Context which included the delayed White Paper on Fire Services Reform. This tied in with work nationally, work with the National Fire Chiefs' Council (NFCC), and also the Fire & Rescue Services National Employer's 'Fit for the Future'. He provided an update on the expected Comprehensive Spending Review which would be released in December. He advised that the Grenfell recommendations would go before parliament that week which would affect building safety regulations and impact on the responsibilities of fire and rescue services and it was noted that the HMICFRS 'State of Fire 3' report would be released in December.

5-20/21 AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARM (AFA) ATTENDANCE POLICY CONSULTATION REVIEW

The Deputy Chief Fire Officer provided Members with a presentation and gave an update on the consultation around Automatic Fire Alarm (AFA) Attendance Policy Consultation Review. The proposals would go forward to the Planning Committee on 15 November 2021.

An overview of the proposed Implementation Plan was provided to Members.

6-20/21 COMMUNITY RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN - POST CONSULTATION UPDATE

The Assistant Chief Fire Officer gave Members a presentation and provided a post consultation overview of the Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) 2022-2027. He advised that over 90% of respondents agreed with Service priorities with proposed amendments received via the dedicated consultation inbox.

Monitoring of the progress and success of the CRMP will be achieved through:

- The Annual Service Plan.
- The Annual Service Report.
- Strategic Assessment of Risk.
- The Performance Committee.
- The Corporate Programme Board.

The Assistant Chief Fire Officer explained that the consultation feedback had been collated and considered. Amendments had been made to the document and the draft report would go to the Planning Committee in November 2021. Subject to approval, the report would go to the full CFA in February 2022 for approval to publish.

7-20/21 EMERGENCY COVER REVIEW

The Deputy Director for Operational Response provided Members with an overview of the Emergency Cover Review (ECR) which was a cyclical review of operation service delivery. The purpose of the review was to ensure that the Service had the right assets in the appropriate places to meet the risks in the different areas of the County which were designated from very high risk through to low risk. It also provided an opportunity to review provision relating to finances which was a mechanism with which to deliver a balanced budget. He advised that the Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) would dictate the route that the proposals would come through the Authority. Ideally, the prepared proposals would go to the Planning Committee and then to the Full Fire Authority.

8-20/21 DAY CREWING PLUS

The Director of People and Development provided Members with a presentation and update on the position regarding Day Crewing Plus (DCP) shift system.

Members were informed by the Director of People and Development that a report would be presented to the forthcoming Planning Committee outlining options for

the future.

9-20/21 PENSION UPDATE - IMMEDIATE DETRIMENT

The Director of People and Development provided Members with a presentation and an update on the position regarding Immediate Detriment in relation to Firefighter Pensions. A report would be presented to the CFA at it's meeting in December to consider the Immediate Detriment remedy.

10-20/21 HMICFRS UPDATE

The Chief Fire Officer highlighted that Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) would carry out an Inspection between 22 November 2021 and 21 January 2022. He informed Members on the process for the 6 weeks.

Business Risk

None

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

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

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