

**LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Meeting to be held on Monday 7 February 2022

**CLIMATE CHANGE OPERATIONAL RESPONSE PLAN 2022-27
(Appendix 1 refers)**

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Executive Summary:

Aligned to the findings of our recent Strategic Assessment of Risk and ambitions contained within the Community Risk Management Plan 2022-27, the Climate Change Operational Response Plan (CCORP) details our ambitions in response to the impacts of climate change, most notably flooding and wildfires, and outlines our direction of travel in relation to the management of these risks over the next 5 years.

Recommendation:

Planning Committee to note and endorse the Climate Change Operational Response Plan 2022-27 for publication.

Background:

The impacts of climate change were identified as being some of the most significant risks facing Lancashire over the coming years. The Climate Change Operational Response Plan (CCORP) aims to share the current position of LFRS in relation to climate change risks and explain how we will aim to further strengthen and broaden the provision of our services to mitigate the impacts, better prepare communities and ensure a swift and effective operational response when such devastating incidents occur.

Ambitions within the CCORP will translate into tangible deliverables which will be encompassed within the 2022/23 Annual Service Plan and beyond.

Business Risk

A failure to respond to the findings of our Strategic Assessment of Risk which recognises climate change impacts as being significant for our county.

Sustainability or Environmental Impact

Will there be an increase or decrease in electricity, gas, fuel or water use? No

Will there be an increase or decrease in waste production? No

Will there be an impact on the quality of air, land or water? Potential benefit arising from the use of new technology to support incident response.

Will this affect biodiversity? No

Will there be an impact on staff or local community travel patterns? No

Will this impact on our ability to adapt to climate change? Yes, improved operational response capabilities and a workforce which is more resilient under arduous and protracted conditions.

Equality and Diversity Implications

Delivery of the CCORP will require individual Equality Impact Assessments to be conducted for each area of work to be progressed within the plan.

HR Implications

Restricted to training requirements arising from any proposed changes.

Financial Implications

Associated with the progression of proposals within the plan and may have both capital and/or revenue implications.

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

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