

LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY

Meeting to be held on 21 February 2022

COMMUNITY RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN 2022 - 2027

(Appendix 1 refers)

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Executive summary and recommendations

Executive Summary

The National Framework issued by central government details the requirement for Fire Authorities to draft, consult upon and publish its strategic intent in the format of an Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) which must span at least 3 years.

At the Planning Committee meeting on 12 July 2021, Members approved a public consultation, commencing on 14 July 2021 for a period of ten weeks, closing on 21 September 2021. The consultation centred around our draft risk management plan, renamed in line with best practice to the 'Community' Risk Management Plan 2022-2027

Following the consultation period, a final version of the plan was presented to Members of Planning Committee on 15 November 2021, with a detailed report on the consultation process, its outcomes and any resulting amendments that were recommended for incorporation within the final version of the plan. Members of the Planning Committee agreed that the consultation undertaken was adequate in scale and scope; and referred final recommendations to the full Combined Fire Authority for approval to publish (attached as appendix 1).

Recommendation(s)

The Authority is requested to approve the final Community Risk Management Plan 2022-2027 and authorise publication.

Information

At the Planning Committee meeting on 12 July 2021, the committee approved a draft of the next iteration of our Integrated Risk Management Plan along with the revised name 'Community Risk Management Plan', whilst also approving the commencement of a period of public consultation.

A 10-week consultation period ensued, culminating in the production and presentation of a consultation report which was shared with the Planning Committee on the 15 November 2021, in which the Committee agreed the consultation was adequate in respect of scale and scope.

The outcome of the consultation period, which included feedback from the key stakeholders we engaged with along with some suggested amendments, was shared with the Committee and the final version of the CRMP includes the agreed amendments.

With the endorsement of the Combined Fire Authority, we will publish the refreshed Community Risk Management Plan in April 2022 which outlines our approach to the identification and mitigation of risk within our county for the next 5 years (2022-2027).

Additionally, the CRMP is now underpinned by 6 core strategies that have all been reviewed and refreshed so they align with the timeframe of the CRMP:

Prevention Strategy – approved at Planning Committee held 15 November 2021

Protection Strategy – approved at Planning Committee held 15 November 2021

Response Strategy – approved at Planning Committee held 15 November 2021

People Strategy – approved at Resources Committee held 1 December 2021

Finance Strategy – for consideration earlier on today's agenda

Data and Digital Strategy – is in development and will be presented at the next Planning Committee meeting scheduled for 18 July 2022 for Member approval.

It is also underpinned by our data led, and annual Strategic Assessment of Risk (SAoR), enabling our service to react, mid-term, to any changes in the risk within our county.

Summary of Key Changes

- The name has been changed to '*Community*' Risk Management Plan aligning us with other FRSs and national terminology.
- The methodology on which our CRMP is based, is supported by NFCC best practice guidelines.
- The CRMP is underpinned by our SAoR, a SAoR which is built on a newly developed, and data led methodology that identifies the Operational risk within our county.
- The Strategies that support the delivery of our CRMP have been expanded from 3 to 6 and now include a People, Finance, and Digital and Data Strategy in addition to our Prevention, Protection, and Response Strategies.
- All 6 Strategies have also been refreshed to run concurrently with the CRMP timeframe - 2022-27.
- The way in which our 5 key priorities are presented have been reviewed so that we can demonstrate the commitment to our people is our highest priority.
 - o *Valuing out people so they can focus on Making Lancashire Safer*
 - o *Preventing fires and other emergencies from happening*
 - o *Protecting people and property when they happen*
 - o *Responding to fires and other emergencies quickly and competently*
 - o *Delivering value for money in how we use our resources*
- Our longstanding STRIVE values are now supported by the recently published Code of Ethics which has been referenced within the CRMP.
- In addition to the 6 core strategies, we have also developed a Climate Change Operational Response plan which supports the CRMP, the SAoR and the Response strategy. This too is referenced within the CRMP.

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

An Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken for the CRMP 2022-27. Usual distribution media will be employed to assist persons with access to information. The CRMP will be available in a variety of languages and/or a format suitable for impaired consultees.

HR implications

None

Financial implications

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.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of background papers

Paper: Community Risk Management Plan 2022 - 2027

Date: 21 February 2022

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Reason for inclusion in Part 2 if appropriate: NA