

CORPORATE RISK REGISTER

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1	Insufficient resources due to poor funding settlement, inability to make required savings, additional financial pressures such as pay, pensions etc., plus council tax limits via local referendum resulting in Authority being unable to set a balanced budget.	<p>We had previously anticipated a new 4-year Spending Review being published, however due to uncertainty this has been delayed. As such 22/23 is a one-year settlement, with a multi-year settlement anticipated later this year.</p> <p>Running alongside this is a Fair Funding and the prospect of moving to a 75% Business Rates Retention model, both of which will impact future funding, have also been put on hold.</p> <p>Whilst the Local Government Finance Settlement only covered one year the £5 flexibility provided in respect of council tax increases has enabled the Authority to 'right size' the budget and puts the Authority in a better position to meet future financial challenges.</p> <p>The MTFS showed the Authority being able to set a balanced budget over the next 5 years, assuming funding increased by 1% per annum, future council tax referendum limits were maintained at 2%, and assuming pay awards were 2% each year. Obviously if any of these assumptions are wrong the financial position will be more challenging</p>	4	4	16	<p>Whilst the Local Government Finance Settlement only covered one year (2023/24) the £5 flexibility provided in respect of council tax increases has enabled the Authority to set a balanced budget.</p> <p>Looking beyond 23/24, the policy statement that accompanied the finance settlement stated "The core settlement will continue in a similar manner for 2024-25. The major grants will continue as set out for 2023-24; Revenue Support Grant will continue and be uplifted in line with Baseline Funding Levels". We have therefore assumed that the settlement funding assessment will grow in line with inflation in 24/25 (assumed to be 5.0%) and thereafter by 2.0% (the Governments inflation target).</p> <p>Based on this the MTFS showed the Authority having a funding shortfall in future years, but these could be met by additional savings and drawdown of reserves</p>	31/03/2024	DoCS	DoCS	Corp Serv
2	Premises Risk Information: That operational staff do not have available adequate and reliable premises information to efficiently resolve operational incidents: Risk information is provided to operational staff based on premises information and premises risk are identified on a continuous basis although this is not consistent throughout the Service.	<p>The gathering of operational risk information is a key activity within LFRS. The service has adopted an integrated approach to managing the risk; thereby ensuring safe systems of work for all employees.</p> <p>LFRS will undertake incident pre planning and the gathering of operational risk information to enable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *The prevention of injury and ill health of firefighters and other emergency responders *Management and mitigation of risks in the community *Continual improvement in the provision of, accurate, relevant and timely operational information *Compliance with the legal duties on Fire and Rescue Authorities in relation to operational risk information *Compliance with formal guidance and "best practice" models; and Audit and review mechanisms. <p>Premises based risks are assessed using the Provision of Risk Information to Staff (PORIS) methodology. The risk based information is formulated via an application on the iPad and categorised from Level 1 through to Level 5 (e.g. Top Tier COMAH Sites.)</p> <p>All known high risk premises are recorded on the system.</p>	3	3	9	<p>A new SSRI document and tactical plan template has been developed</p> <p>Our Digital Transformation Team are looking at the feasibility of altering the current SSRI form to the proposed new template and documents.</p> <p>Training packages have been developed by our Protection Teams, including a crew training package for this year's crew training day, a 5-day initial course for new recruits, and a suite of modules for staff.</p> <p>The Service have introduced Built Environment Risk Management (BERM) Officers. The role is being shaped to include reviewing SSRIs for high-risk premises when they go into interim measures and to initiate new SSRIs for high-risk premises that come to protection through the planning process.</p> <p>Operational Assurance Officers to continue to monitor and report on the use of SSRIs at incidents.</p>	31/03/2024	HoSD	DoSD	Serv Delivery
3	Insufficient staffing resources, due to Industrial Action, to deal with operational demand and fulfil statutory responsibilities.	<p>LFRS has a separate contingency plan in place that is specific to industrial action. This has been reviewed and reissued to all SMT and relevant staff.</p> <p>The Home Office has undertaken an audit of our arrangements, with the final reported noting our arrangements.</p>	3	3	9	<p>Following the agreement of the grey book pay award for 22/23 and 23/24 the likelihood of industrial action has reduced significantly.</p>	31/03/2024	HoSDD	DoSP	Strategy & Planning

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4	Lack of availability of water supplies for fire fighting prevents effective fire fighting resulting in additional damage to property and increased risk to life.	2	3	6	Discharged				
5	The increasing age profile of operational staff could adversely affect our ability to deliver effective emergency response.	3	2	6	Discharged				
6	Operational staff do not have the required skills to operate safely at an incident with the potential to result in F/F injuries or fatalities.	3	3	9	Monitor effectiveness of Operational Assurance Performance Report in disseminating information. Additionally, Operational Assurance Officers are mobilised to provide additional assurance at incidents that meet specific criteria, broadly when the risk to FF's is increased. For example this includes operational discretion and critical incidents. TOR continue to work closely with Service Delivery to ensure attendance on Safety Critical mandatory training, monthly performance reports are sent to HoSD. TOR trainers are skill graded to ensure they operate consistently in terms of identifying training needs.	30/11/2023	HoTOR	DoSP	Strategy & Planning

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7 Failure of key ICT systems resulting in disruption to services.	Resilience, backup and recovery measures all consistently evolving to respond to changing threat and vulnerability profiles. Asset replacement policy in place, regularly reviewed. Upgraded firewall's in place to provide perimeter defence, with enhanced email gateway, anti-virus, device control (USB) and removeable HDD encryption measures also rolled out. Windows 10 & Office 365 now rolled out. Patch and update policy in operation to ensure servers and workstations are up to date with latest security developments. Aggressive vulnerability scanning and remediation procedures now in place, regular security reviews and threat intelligence awareness with partner agencies and NCSC feeds. Modern Wide Area Network (WAN) to all administrative and operations sites now in play with improved outbound bandwidth available through Virgin managed internet access. Storage Area Network (SAN) data, infrastructure and all essential servers replicated to the disaster recovery site at STC. Resilient link from STC to County Hall in order to maintain LCC/OCL supplied services in the event of a failure at SHQ or the link to County, improved resilience in mobilising infrastructure at NWFC.	3	3	9	Complete migration of users mailboxes to 365. Achieve Cyber Essentials Plus. Identify pathway to Azure migrate for data, storage & infrastructure. Exploit cloud based security controls and increase secure score across subscriptions. Deploy Canary early penetration warning Implement IDS / IPS defence Identify and deploy most suitable SIEM solution Monthly data backups to offline storage with air-gap	30/11/2023	HoICT	HoICT	Strategy & Planning
8 Loss of corporate reputation through negative publicity.	Warning and informing communications toolkit and business continuity plan covers all aspects of risk including emergencies and broader reputational risk. Plan regularly tested during exercises. The communications department also plays a leading role in the Lancashire Resilience Forum warning and informing cell in relation to multi-agency emergency communications, training and exercises. Effective reactive press office and proactive media activity to build positive reputation including on-call arrangements for out-of-hours cover. Media and social media training forms part of middle manager development programme and is delivered to individuals and teams as required throughout the year. Updated guidance on corporate use of social media has recently been published and Teams training sessions are due to be offered to any staff who wish learn more. New users of corporate social media have to undertake training with the communications department and anyone can request refresher training. All staff must operate social media within the parameters of the policy set out in the email and internet acceptable use policy. Scanning and planning function helps anticipate and plan for specific reputational risks and daily media monitoring highlights inaccurate reporting and emerging issues that that need to be addressed or corrected. This activity is communicated to members of service management team via a daily media summary email and reputational issues are managed through the executive board. The photography, film and graphic design service order was updated in 2021 and covers the policy on image use.	3	3	9	Additional capacity has been built into Corporate Comms. Training continues to be delivered. On-going monitoring and porting of all forms of communications.	31/03/2024	HoCC	HoCC	People & Development

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9 Retention and recruitment of RDS staff impacts on RDS appliance availability.	RDS recruitment and retention working group established. Increased RDS basic recruits course population from 12 to 24. Quicker access to BA course on completion of recruit training. TOR support throughout the RDS probationary period. Enhanced retained pay scheme introduced and reviewed regularly. The service allows shorter RDS contracts to improve appliance availability. Encourages dual contract staff to contribute to the RDS. RDS availability targets now reduced to 95%. Proactive recruitment by SDM's. Joint working between HR and service delivery to enhance current recruitment processes. RDS Strengthening & Improving programme in place with the focus on supporting staff through their developmental stages and improving efficiency and effectiveness of recruitment work. A new Recruitment Vehicle has been established.	4	4	16	<p>OC review initiated to identify and make proposals across the function aimed at improving recruitment and retention</p> <p>Key activity includes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •OCSO review and recruitment – increased the OCSO No's to 7, developed their role to incorporate delivering recruit training to establish relationships and awareness of recruit skills •Enhanced coordination between OCSO TL, HR, & Corp comms on recruitment targeting •Development of wholetime "Have a Go" events to showcase OC role at targeted stations •Changes to development requirements, circa 50% reduction in evidence requirements •Amended approach to entry requirements (from other FRS's) <p>Further related activity;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Creation of a dedicated OC SM role to maintain progress momentum and coordination or various workstream •DCFO now National lead for OC •NJC workstream on remuneration for OC initiated, to be completed within 8 months, (LFRS to await these proposals) <p>Look forward, plans for OC SM to review/develop;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Turn in / out arrangements •Maintenance of skills (level of demand) •Employer engagement 	30/11/2023	HoSD	HoSD	Serv Delivery
10 Lack of workforce planning resulting in significant over/under provision of staff and resulting impact on service and finances.	A mechanism of workforce planning has now been agreed and this will be reviewed on annual basis. As part of the development of the workforce plan a review of retirement profile is considered which is the main reason for turnover for those staff on grey book terms and conditions, this information is used to plan recruitment and enables us to plan effectively ensuring enough staff. Further to the turnover last year, an internal recruitment campaign and associated recruitment resulted in recruitment to 27 posts. A further recruitment campaign is being conducted for 2017/18 which will be completed by mid-May. Our approach to training and organisational development ensures that staff have the necessary ability, skills and training in order to able to undertake the job role. In terms of managing the risks associated with over establishment, all posts are checked against the post book prior to advertising. Where a post is not established it needs to go through specific authorisation and establishment process which ensures that we control the number of posts we recruit.	2	3	6	Discharged				
11 Lack of compliance with legislation resulting in prosecution or compliance order.	Clerk of Authority reviews all Committee reports for legality and advises CFA. Clerk and Solicitor review new legislation. Government notify of all new requirements Horizon scanning.	2	2	4	Discharged				

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12	Ineffective Health and Safety in the workplace, resulting in prosecution, intervention fees etc.	3	3	9	In March 2022, the Health and Safety and Environmental Management Systems underwent an independent audit as part of our ISO 45001 and ISO 14001 certification process. No non-conformances were identified with one opportunity for improvement suggested by the auditor.	31/03/2024	HoSHE	HoSHE	People & Development
13	Lack of effective Information management impacting on service delivery and support or leading to a breach of data protection/freedom of information or a loss of sensitive/personal information.	3	3	9	Following external audit, any non-conformances and opportunities for improvement are collated	31/03/2024	HoServ Develop	DoSP	Strategy & Planning
14	Delayed mobilisation, impacting on service delivery.	3	3	9	LFRS has committed to maintaining the external ISO standards for H&S and Environmental risks	30/11/2023	HoServ Develop	DoSP	Strategy & Planning
15	High levels of staff absence due to outbreak of Ebola.	1	4	4	Discharged				

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16	Lack of clarity on future of FRS, leading to inertia.	<p>The Sir Ken Knight review highlighted a need to review governance arrangements relating to FRAs identified several potential governance models, regional, national, mergers, ambulance, police etc. responsibility for Fire Service has transferred from CLG to Home Office</p> <p>The Policing and Crime Bill (which is currently going through Parliament) introduces measures which require the police, fire and rescue, and ambulance services to collaborate with one another.</p> <p>As a minimum, the legislation requires PCCs to be represented on the relevant fire and rescue authority (FRA) (or its committees) with full voting rights, subject to the consent of the FRA. Alternatively, PCCs have the option of putting forward a business case which may include arrangements to take on responsibility for the governance of fire and rescue; or to become the single employer for fire and police, to deliver greater improvements through the integration of back office functions and maximise the benefits of workforce flexibility. As such future options now appear to be:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • remain as we are • move towards a PCC 	2	3	6	Discharged				
17	Failure of ESMCP to deliver a viable communication facility.	<p>Emergency Services Mobile Communication Programme (ESMCP) is a national project which will deliver a replacement communications and data service using 4G technology. The new broadband data services will replace the existing private mobile radio system provided by Airwave. Main contracts awarded to EE and Motorola for the network and network equipment respectively. Since the signing of the contract, there has been considerable work done by the suppliers, central programme team and emergency services in the regions.</p> <p>In 2019/20 the Programme awarded contracts to 2 suppliers for the creation and delivery of fixed vehicle devices for use in the fire appliances and wider fleet. The NW region is working closely with these providers to ensure the equipment meets our technical and end user requirements. In April 2020 the Programme made available equipment that has enabled LFRS to commence with the testing of coverage in order to gain the required assurances that the provision of network coverage is to contractual criteria and fit for purpose. The ESMCP Programme has consulted upon a refresh of the 2016 approved Full Business Case (FBC) and LFRS leads have engaged fully in the process in order to ensure that the proposed changes to the 2021 FBC are fully understood. Technical lead colleagues in LFRS and NWFC continue to work closely with the NFCC team to ensure that our NWFC mobilising system and internal supporting aspects such as station end equipment and vehicle mounted data terminals remain fit for purpose through and beyond ESMCP transition.</p>	3	3	9	<p>Work is ongoing at both a service and regional level in order to prepare for transition to ESMCP. This is focussed upon coverage, transition planning, device support requirements and integration with existing systems such as MDT. LFRS is managing the project with a dedicated Project Manager through Home Office allocated funding and key staff members such as Head of ICT are aligned to relevant work packages. Work to evaluate transition planning remains ongoing and includes aspects such as dual device (Airwave and ESMCP) fitting within fire engines, device convergence opportunities, coverage testing and early trials and pilot of the voice product.</p>	30/11/2023	DoSP	DoSP	Strategy & Planning

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18 Inability to maintain service provision in spate conditions	Robust Business Continuity arrangements The published 2017-2022 LFRS Integrated Risk Management Plan recognises the impacts of wide area flooding (P2 increasing weather related events) as does our SOR for 2017. Ensure ESMCP specification recognises communication needs identified Training for LFRS FDOs regarding National Resilience Asset mobilisation and associated Command Support has been delivered, testing via an exercise to be completed LFRS vehicle fleet amended with multi-purpose (4x4) vehicles suitable for use in wide area flooding placed within the fleet, further purchases to follow in 2017/18 to extend the provision to 10. The enhancement of staff PPE with provision of flood suits and associated training is complete. The Lancaster accommodation side (not appliance bay etc.) has been built with flood defences and other mitigation works as per flood risk assessment. Other works include elevating all Station Mobilisation Cabinets that are in Flood risk areas.	3	2	6	Discharged				
19 Failure to maximise the opportunities that technological advances present due to a lack of capacity within the ICT department, and an inability of staff to keep pace with new development that are implemented	Digital Transformation team now in place to address horizon scanning and new tech introduction. Digital Strategy now published to provide a roadmap for technical enabling of key organisational strategies. 7 digital themes agreed to drive innovation and enhance digital capacity throughout the service. Revised programme board structure to provide key project and digital initiative oversight. A number of new products and data introduced using digital by default, cloud first technology with several more now agreed and in pipeline / flight.	3	3	9	Complete refreshed ICT strategy for publication. Agree apprentice onboarding process. Compile options paper for Exec for modern ICT / DT / SDD approach and supporting departmental structures Initiate and mature Community Developer concept Progress innovative partnerships to augment capacity through collaboration Continue to skill-up, train and educate users	30/11/2023	HoICT	DoSP	Strategy & Planning
20 Loss of support for Vector Incident Command product with the product name Command Support System (CSS) leading to ineffective command function at large incidents	The CSS software application (Vector Incident Command) we run on our command units to manage the incident command system, went into administration and the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) for the software were bought at auction by Telent, who are the prime contractor for the NWFC ICT mobilising and communication. Telent have presented to say they will ensure that the original Vector developments as promised under the NWFC contract will be delivered. However developments have been very slow	3	3	9	Command software contract has been awarded to 3tc. Response and Emergency Planning are building software with ICT. Small command unit now being fitted out. This will test all the software. New software will be installed on all new MDT's..	31/03/2024	HoServ Develop	DoSP	Strategy & Planning

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21	Risk of rapid external fire spread in high rise premise resulting in a major incident	2	5	10	<p>National policy reform is underway, but still has considerable distance to travel, involving revised Building Regulations, amendments to the Fire Safety Order in 2012 (giving FRS enforcement powers for cladding and flat front doors) and the new Building Safety Bill in 2022 (making FRS a joint regulator with HSE and Building Controls).</p> <p>In 2020/21 (until Dec) LFRS Inspectors are undertaking the MHCLG commissioned 'Building Risk Review' of all 75 High Rise residential premises in Lancashire to identify if any hazards exist beyond the use of ACM cladding. Such hazards include other unsatisfactory cladding systems, combustible balconies, and compartmentation breaches etc .</p> <p>All High Rise owners and managers have been written to signposting the Government Cladding Remediation Fund.</p> <p>Thematic Operational Assurance for high rise has been completed, which consisted of 15 audits covering all duty systems and areas across LFRS. Incident command training now covers more in-depth awareness of external fire spread and tactical considerations. Regional high rise exercises involving staff from LFRS have been completed in 2022.</p> <p>Introduction of a Protection Transformation Team, who have responsibility to oversee the Building Risk Review (BRR). Furthermore, revised governance for Fire Protection has been introduced to drive reform with the introduction of dedicated AM for P&P and GMs for Prevention and Protection. As a result of the BRR and from ongoing audits, Policy has been introduced to manage buildings that have been identified as requiring 'interim measures', This includes details of what NWFC, REP, Protection and Service Delivery will do, including quarterly visits from Operational staff to premises in interim measures.</p> <p>OAG are progressing the GTI action plan, including training for responding to high rise incidents..</p> <p>Following the introduction of a dedicated AM Prevention and Protection along with GM for Protection the Protection function has undergone a second stage of transformation which saw the introduction of Built Environment and Ops Liaison Officers (centrally managed) to implement the requirements of the Building Safety Regulator, manage premises in Interim Measures and oversee the life span of high risk, high risk premises.</p> <p>The legislation introduced following the initial Building Risk Review work has now come in to force with training provided to all Inspecting Officers and Operational crews. The BEOLT continue to work with Responsible Persons to understand their external wall systems and their prioritisation of replacement in line with the NFCC Fire Risk Assessment Prioritisation Tool for wall systems. The risk of external wall systems contributing to significant fire spread remains and will do so for some time to come due to unprecedented demand on competent professionals to undertake wall surveys, the need to raise significant funds and the availability of products.</p> <p>Regional high rise exercises involving staff from LFRS is planned for Q3 and the learning will be shared.</p>	30/11/2023	HoP&P	DoSP	Strategy & Planning
22	Failure to maximise collaborative opportunities presented by Policing and Crime Act 2017	3	3	9	<p>Well-developed relationships with Lancashire Constabulary and NWS Regular meetings to discuss issues/opportunities Collaboration already taking place i.e. EMR, Gaining Entry, Missing Persons, Air Support (Drone), Site Sharing etc.</p> <p>Statement of Intent agreed and signed off at Deputy Chief Officer level between LFRS and Lancashire Constabulary</p> <p>External training for both organisations Senior Management Teams delivered by Shares Services Architects. Work areas considered and a 32 item collaboration log has been created. Blue Light Collaboration Board has been extended to NWS and both Programme and Sponsor level attendance at meetings is from the 3 blue light services. During the pandemic, collaboration efforts were focused on supporting the NHS, with blue light services all working effectively to deliver or support; mass vaccination sites, logistics for PPE, movement of bodies, temporary mortuary, face fit testing.</p> <p>3 core projects to be progressed to scope report status:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • multi officer role • response arrangements • public order training at Washington hall <p>Further roll out of EMR is dependent upon outcome of national pay negotiation</p> <p>Two Blue Light Collaboration meetings have been held in Q2. The next steps are to present the journey so far, and proposals for the ongoing work plan, to the Collaboration Executive team. Shared values will be discussed with a refresh of the MOU. Subsequently, key information will then be cascaded through management teams. There have been recent changes at executive level and programme board level within LanCon.</p>	31/03/2024	HoTOR	DoSP	Strategy & Planning

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23 Lack of leadership capacity impacting on delivery of services	Workforce plan agreed and implemented which clearly identifies our challenges and workforce profile Recruitment policy in place which reviews the success of recruitment campaigns against the knowledge and skills gap Appraisal system in place, to establish opportunities for development feedback, identification of training needs, development opportunities and talent A more formal approach to Talent Management has been introduced with feedback to be given and opportunities for development identified through a lifetime/career conversation Leadership Development programmes in place, including in house leadership development, ILM (Institute of Leadership and Management) ELP (Executive Leadership Programme), Leading into the Future (A cross sectoral leadership programme) etc. Coaching and mentoring system introduced Action Learning Sets introduced Leadership Conferences delivered Promotion Board in place with clear development and promotion pathways established for operational staff	3	3	3	9	The Service continues to offer leadership development to supervisory and middle managers. The identification of talented individuals and the creation of a development pathway is currently ongoing at a local level to ensure that there are suitably qualified competent staff to fill future leadership positions. A revised grading structure has been implemented for Green Book employees which should aid recruitment and retention	30/11/2023	HoHR	DoPD	People & Development
24 Insufficient preparation for inspection programme leading to opportunities being lost in terms of national learning and Lancashire's ability to effectively communicate its progress and awareness	Resources allocated to the required preparatory work to meet the needs of the HMICFRS inspection process. Creation of an internal review and subsequent self-assessment against the draft inspection criteria including the collation of key evidence and identification of any shortfalls of evidence. Completion of the HMICFRS returns including a corporate narrative overview, statements against the diagnostics covering effectiveness, efficiency and people including the submission of associated evidence. Inspection completed week commencing 9 July. Report due completion October (released at same time as other Tranche 1 reports)	1	3	3	3	Discharged				
25 The outcome of the EU court ruling on the Matzak case relating to on-call arrangements in Belgium has a detrimental impact on service provision and/or cost.	The case looked at the applicability of Working Time in connection with the Belgian Fire Service and their version of On Call Controls. Legal opinion is being sought in connection with the case to identify its impact in the UK. On more detailed examination, the case was not directly applicable to the UK, the issue in question was also resolved before further consideration by the Belgium Courts.	1	5	5	5	Discharged				
26 Increase in costs of and/or lack of availability of goods and services, following Brexit or arising from the war in Ukraine	We are continuing to monitor any trends in terms of this, with a view to identifying the extent of any impact. Costs continue to increase reflecting inflation, with many items increasing at a much higher rate, energy being the most significant of these, where costs have more than doubled in the short term we will need to drawdown reserves in order to deliver a balanced budget. We are still continuing to see extended lead times on the majority of items, as an example LGV fleet vehicle lead times for chassis deliveries are currently 12-18 months.	4	4	4	16	We continue to monitor impact, and will incorporate increases in our draft MTFs, as well as reviewing our level of reserves specific to this risk. We continue to assess level of contingencies required on all major projects, as a result of this.	30/11/2023	HoProc	DoCS	Corporate Services

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27 Increase in costs and administration associated with changes to pensions	Following Court decisions re FF pension schemes there are two issues which have implications for the Service in terms of costs and administrative capacity: - •Various allowances were deemed pensionable, this being agreed with the FBU. However, as the Service has been unable to reach agreement with the FBU on backdating it has implemented a policy of 6 years backdating for relevant allowances from 1/6/21 •The McCloud/Sergeant judgement deemed that the protection arrangements for staff transferring from the 1992 scheme to the 2015 scheme was age discriminatory and therefore illegal, the Governments timescale for remedy is October 2023, hence an agreement has been reached between FBU and LGA to allow a current solution pending the final arrangements called "immediate detriment". This remedy gives personnel the option of having their benefits calculated based on the scheme they were transferred into (2015 scheme) or the scheme that they transferred from (92 or 2006 scheme) Both of these changes have significant implications in terms of capacity, and cost, to calculate the correct benefits due, as well as backdating of pension contributions. They also significantly increase the forecast cost of pension payments due at retirement, and the costs of pensions paid to those who have already retired.	4	4	16	We have completed the necessary actions for backdating the payment of increased benefits and measures are in place to collect amended contributions. As a result of guidance from the Home Office, the National Scheme Advisory Board and the LGA that the proposed Immediate Detriment remedy was not confirmed and carried financial risk to both the Fire Authority and individuals concerned, the Service has paused its actions awaiting both clarification and/or a new ID framework before proceeding. It is possible that the issue cannot be resolved until the Government's formal proposal for resolution is enacted in October 2023 We have set up our own Pension Team to support these exercises who are progressing the various strands but the extent of the changes and complications are extremely resource intensive. We are liaising with our Pension Provider on costs and timescales for undertaking the work We are liaising with Govt via LGA about meeting the costs of the administrative burden (some funding has been made available for this) and the additional net pension costs	30/11/2023	DoPD	DoPD	People & Development
28 Discontinued or long term malfunction in the KPI management software product (CORVU)	Close contract management with the provider to ensure that the product remains functional and fit for purpose. Staff member will lead responsibility is highly trained in the product and can carryout some maintenance in order to support functionality. Some alternative work arounds identified that will be resource intensive and may not provide the existing quality of data and subsequent analysis.	3	2	6	The CorVu replacement project will deliver against the new suite of KPIs, with the first set of KPIs due to go live in April. The existing platform has stabilised, providing re-assurance about its longevity pending full roll out of the replacement system.	31/03/2024	HoSDD	DoSP	Strategy and Planning
29 High levels of staff absence due to pandemic.	The pandemic BCP was implemented from March 2020 in response to Covid-19. IMT and various sub-groups were implemented to manage impacts including – enhanced monitoring of staff absence levels, notification processes, H & S guidance, appliance crewing models, increased home and remote working, re-defined core activities and support to LRF work streams. OHU department to provide advice to managers/staff. On-going liaison with LRF/Emergency Planning Depts. Staff absence levels peaked as expected during mid-January, following the Christmas / New Year relaxation of lockdown arrangements. LFRS accessed a provision of Lateral Flow Tests and began a pilot rollout across a number of locations aimed at early identification and isolation of asymptomatic cases of C-19. An ambitious rollout plan followed which resulted in LFT provision being made available in a self-sustaining manner across all 39 fire stations, Service Headquarters, Service Training Centre.	2	4	8	Significant reductions in absence due to the pandemic. Continue to monitor situation	31/03/2024	HoSDD	DoSP	Strategy and Planning

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30 Changes to Emergency Response Driver Training leading to a reduction in trained appliance drivers and hence impacting pump availability	A new Fire Standard for Emergency Response Driver Training has been published. This requires more training for new drivers within the sector, requiring: - • Current instructors added to a register and new instructors will need to complete a formal pathway; • A 10-day course with an element of night driving for all new appliance drivers; • A 10 or 15-day Initial Response course for flexi-officers depending on current competency in response driving; • Longer courses for special appliances which are not LGV. All of these will see a marked increase in the length of a driving course. In terms of the initial driving course the extension of time from 5 days to 10 days not only increase instructor time, but may lead to difficulties in the On-Call service as personnel will not be able to take the time away from Primary Employment to undertake training leading to a decline in On-Call appliance availability.	3	4	12	The increase in course duration for Emergency Response Driver Training will commence from April 2023 as the mandatory contact time will increase. However, this will be partially offset by the trainer to student ratio being changed. The Driver Training department establishment has already been increased by an additional full time Driver Trainer to manage the existing demand. To provide flexibility, particularly for On Call staff, consultation and dialogue has taken place through the On-Call Practitioners Group. The courses will be split into weekly modules with options for a two week back to back course of one week, followed by a second week within a three month period. A review of driver trainer contracts is currently underway. We will monitor the impact over time to ensure that new entrants are able to undertake the relevant training and therefore are able to drive appliances	31/03/2024	HoTOR	DoSP	Strategy and Planning
31 Increase in costs associated with major Property projects due to changes in Building Regulations	A proposed upgrade of the Building Regulations was published as draft legislation in January 2021, and is subject to an on-going consultation. The construction industry was expecting a significant increase in the environmental standards for new buildings with a zero-carbon requirement anticipated, this has been confirmed in the draft legislation. However, the draft legislations also applies to existing buildings, whereby there will be a requirement to substantially upgrade the environmental credentials of existing buildings when a major refurbishment is undertaken. This will potentially see significant increase in upfront costs with more energy efficient heating/insulation being required, such as air-source heat pumps, PV panels, triple glazing etc, all of which are dearer than our current standards. Whilst contingences are included in major contracts these may not be sufficient to meet future requirements	3	4	12	In order to mitigate this we will need to account for this in cost estimates for all major property projects, and increase the contingency on projects to provide scope to meet potential cost increases. Given the scale of the Authorities Capital programme over the next 5 years this is considered a high risk at the present time, as if the legislation is implemented it will increase costs significantly on all projects commencing after June 2022, and this was not allowed for in the initial budget estimates.	30/11/2023	HoProp	DoCS	Corp Serv
32 Increase in energy costs	The service currently spend approx. £400k on energy. The contracts for both gas and electricity (let via a national framework agreement) fix the tariff at the start of each year, meaning that the increased costs on the market will not be passed onto the service in the current financial year. However when prices are fixed for next year we will potentially see a significant increase in costs. As a result the budget has been increased by £100k.	5	2	10	In order to mitigate the risk of significant increase we use a YPO framework which fixes prices. YPO actively review the market attempting to fix prices at the most favourable rates. We also look to will continue to review the introduction more of energy efficient lighting and heating as well as improving thermal qualities of buildings (e.g. replacing windows/ doors/ facades). The 23/24 budget for energy has been increased to reflect current prices.	31/03/2024	HoProp	DoCS	Corp Serv
33 Removal of DCP/Outcome of Emergency Cover Review (ECR).	There is a risk that the Emergency Cover Review is unable to identify suitable and affordable alternative duty systems for the DCP stations.	3	4	12	The ECR was approved by the CFA in December 2022, and is reflected in the MTFS. The implementation of the recommendations will take place over the next 2 years, starting with engagement sessions with affected station based staff (these have already commenced).	31/03/2024	HoSDD	DoSP	Strategy and Planning
34 Future of NWFC	The Deputy Mayor of Greater Manchester had written to the Chairs of other constituent Fire Authorities (Cumbria, Cheshire and Lancashire) advising of their intent to review existing arrangements at NWFC. The outcome of this will not be known for some time, but clearly this may have a longer-term impact on the future of NWFC and therefore how the Authority discharges the function	3	4	12	Continue to monitor the situation	30/11/2023	HoSDD	DoSP	Strategy and Planning
35 Outcome of the White paper impacting on Governance arrangements	The Government was consulting on its proposals to reform the fire sector in England which included the potential to transfer fire functions to a single elected individual. Once the outcome was known it may impact on governance and therefore needed to be on the risk register for awareness.	3	3	9	Continue to monitor the situation	30/11/2023	Clerk	Clerk	Clerk

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36 Increase in pay costs	Pay awards were separately set nationally for green and grey book staff and a 2% award had been estimated in the budget. A pay offer of 5% has been made by the employers in respect of grey book pay. The FBU has recommended that their members reject this offer, and at the time of writing we were awaiting the outcome of this. A pay offer of £1925 per FTE had been made by the employer in respect of green book pay. Unison had accepted the offer however at the time of writing Unite and GMB were awaiting the outcome of their consultations. Both these offers significantly exceed the budget provision and would therefore lead to significant cost pressures in the current and future years budgets.	3	2	6	The 23/24 budget allowed for pay awards of 5%. This is in line with the agreed pay award for grey book and exceeds the pay offer for green book. Hence is considered sufficient to meet future costs.	31/03/2024	DoCS	DoCS	Corp Serv
37 Cyber Security	The Cyber Security threat landscape has changed significantly, which has been witnessed globally, regionally and across multiple emergency services and local authorities. Best practice standards set by the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) have adapted according to the change in the threat landscape, which means it's far more challenging to remain compliant. The necessary adoption of cloud based services has effectively more than doubled our attack vector. Government organisations are routinely and relentlessly targeted: of the 777 incidents managed by the National Cyber Security Centre between September 2020 and August 2021, around 40% were aimed at the public sector. This upward trend shows no signs of abating.	3	5	15	We have achieved the Cyber Essentials Plus certification, which must be refreshed every 12 months. The next re certification involves the prompt replacement of aging hardware/software as well as bringing in scope remote working, Wi-Fi security as well as several other areas which have previously been out of scope. The e-mail systems have been fully refreshed and we are going to be migrating all mailboxes to 365 for even better security and feature enhancements. A Cyber Security Strategy and subsequent options papers has been drafted and will be circulated around Exec board which covers what areas required investment. They include things like additional managed services to assist with monitoring the environment, Investment in next generation perimeter defences such as next generation Firewalls and changed to working practice, such as enforcing more secure password and multi factor authentication. We have been aligning with the National Cyber Security Centre best practice security framework and will continue to do so as that develops.	30/11/2023	HoICT	HoICT	Strategy & Planning

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MEDIUM				20	
MEDIUM/LOW				9	
LOW				3	Discharged
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| 4 Very Likely, see next sheet | Noticeable, see next sheet |
| 3 Likely, see next sheet | Significant, see next sheet |
| 2 Unlikely, see next sheet | Critical, see next sheet |
| 1 Rare, see next sheet | Catastrophic, see next sheet |