

# **Lancashire Combined Fire Authority Resources Committee**

Meeting to be held on 29 November 2023

## **Fleet Asset Management Plan 2023 - 2027 (Appendix 1 refers)**

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### **Executive Summary**

This refreshed Fleet Asset Management Plan (FAMP) continues to build on a structured approach to the management of operational vehicles, equipment, breathing apparatus and hydrant assets and is designed to support the delivery of the Authority's Community Risk Management Plan and associated strategies, predominantly the response strategy.

The FAMP is key in determining strategic decisions regarding assets and defining how resources are efficiently and effectively utilised. This will ensure that Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS) vehicles and equipment provide a resilient service to meet the changing needs of a modern Fire and Rescue Service and the communities it serves, in line with our Strategic Assessment of Risk.

Whilst the FAMP projects asset replacement over the next eight years, the Plan sets out capital investment requirements over the next four years and will be refreshed over that period in line with risk, to ensure it continues to accurately reflect the operating environment. This approach secures stability in capital and revenue budgets and facilitates the introduction of new technologies through a staged approach.

The FAMP also covers short to medium term business planning improvement objectives. The Service's Fleet and Engineering Services department will continue to strive for improvement by maintaining a strong focus on customer care.

### **Recommendation**

The Committee is asked to recommend to the Authority that the 2023-27 Fleet Asset Management Plan is endorsed as part of the Budget approval process in February 2024.

### **Information**

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Running a modern Fleet is a safety critical operation which must ensure employee and public safety. This is achieved through best practice in vehicle inspection,

maintenance, operation and procurement. LFRS also ensure compliance to Department of Transport and Driver & Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) regulations on construction, use and roadworthiness.

Key projects in the 2023-27 FAMP are:

- Body worn and vehicle CCTV;
- Battery Road Traffic Collision Tools;
- Aerial Appliance provision;
- Replace Command Support Units;
- Breathing Apparatus and Telemetry Equipment;
- A Greener, more environmentally sustainable fleet;
- Suitable vehicles and equipment to meet the changing risk, in particular that resulting from climate change;
- Investment in modern firefighting technology, including introducing flow meters and larger diameter hose reels on our Fire Engine fleet;
- Continue our journey towards being the most innovative Fire and Rescue Service in the country by investing in technology, including drones and the potential for robotics to improve firefighter safety.

Running alongside the FAMP, Fleet and Engineering Services department also hold an improvement plan, which focuses on four key performance areas:

- Customer – building stronger working relations and meeting requirements;
- Financial – achieve efficiency savings and maintain a healthy replacement plan;
- Systems – continued development of asset management systems;
- Development / Growth – invest in staff training and development.

The above, in conjunction with the FAMP ensures that Fleet and Engineering Services continue to provide the best possible support to Service Delivery.

## **Business Risk**

LFRS must continue to maintain a healthy replacement plan to achieve an effective response service and to maintain a robust business continuity plan.

## **Environmental Impact**

LFRS is committed to the Green Agenda, therefore, by progressively introducing a greener, more environmentally sustainable vehicle offering (euro 6 spec) will reduce emissions and carbon footprint.

## **Equality and Diversity Implications**

None.

## **HR Implications**

Fleet and Engineering Services will liaise closely with HR on changes to departmental structure employment contracts and or service provision.

## **Financial Implications**

LFRS currently spend approximately £1.5m on vehicles and £0.5m on equipment and Breathing Apparatus assets per annum. Within the current revenue and capital budgets this plan is affordable and ensures value for money for the service.

However, both revenue and capital budgets are subject to approval by the Authority annually and thus funding for this plan cannot be guaranteed but agreement of this plan sets the strategic direction for the service and allows for longer term planning.

## **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

### **List of background papers**

Paper:

Date:

Contact:

Reason for inclusion in Part 2 if appropriate: N/A