

# **Lancashire Combined Fire Authority**

## **Planning Committee**

Meeting to be held on 17 November 2025

### **Strategic Assessment of Risk 2025/2026**

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#### **Executive Summary**

The Strategic Assessment of Risk (SAoR) has been refreshed and provides strategic direction for Service and district planning and enables Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS) to direct resources effectively to minimise and respond to risk.

#### **Recommendation(s)**

The Planning Committee are asked to note and endorse the SAoR for publication.

#### **Information**

Risk in Lancashire will always remain dynamic; it changes over time, differs by area and demographic, and needs different interventions to reduce the likelihood of the risk occurring or to lessen its consequences. We identify these risks in our Strategic Assessment of Risk (SAoR) which is refreshed annually and is also informed by the Lancashire Resilience Forum Community Risk Register and our PESTELO analysis. Through our risk management framework, we continually assess changing risk and prioritise our response framework.

The Strategic Assessment of Risk reflects the knowledge and experience of a variety of specialist departments and utilises our Incident Recording System (IRS) data to derive a data driven methodology that highlights the incident types that pose the greatest risk to the county of Lancashire and the individuals who live and work within it. The SAoR drives both Service and district level response to risk and enables LFRS to tailor our prevention, protection and response activities to the identified risks.

This year's document builds on previous iterations as we seek to continually improve our risk management processes. Revisions have been made to our local Risk Assessment, resulting in some movement in the ranking of our highest risk incident types. We have also sought to identify more clearly how LFRS responds to the strategic risks identified, examples being; our response to the emerging threat of climate change and advances in technology.

#### **Business risk**

The Strategic Assessment of Risk is an integral part of the Service's Risk Management Framework and captures the high-level risks that the Service must prepare for and

respond to. It forms a key part of our planning process culminating in the development of our Annual Service Plan.

### **Sustainability or Environmental Impact**

None.

### **Equality and Diversity Implications**

The Strategic Assessment of Risk has been produced in accordance with accessibility guidelines.

### **Data Protection (GDPR)**

Will the proposal(s) involve the processing of personal data? N

If the answer is yes, please contact a member of the Democratic Services Team to assist with the appropriate exemption clause for confidential consideration under part 2 of the agenda.

### **HR implications**

No implications, however, the SAoR should form part of the district planning process and will link through to individual appraisals.

### **Financial implications**

The updated SAoR provides the latest data and intelligence, helping to direct the Service's focus over the next 12 months.

### **Legal implications**

None.

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

#### **List of background papers**

Paper:

Date:

Contact:

Reason for inclusion in Part 2 if appropriate: Insert Exemption Clause