

CORPORATE RISK REGISTER

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KEY RISKS	RISK MITIGATION/CONTROLS IN PLACE	LIKELIHOOD	IMPACT	RESIDUAL RISK	ACTIONS RECOMMENDED	BY WHEN	BY WHOM	RISK OWNER	DIRECTORATE
1 Insufficient resources due to poor funding settlement, inability to make required savings, additional financial pressures such as RDS pensions etc., plus council tax limits via local referendum resulting in Authority being unable to set a balanced budget.	<p>The Government has confirmed that the multi-year settlement offers have been agreed with all single purpose fire and rescue authorities. Hence, barring exceptional circumstances, and subject to the normal statutory consultation process for the local government finance settlement, the Government expects these amounts to be presented to Parliament each year. However there still remains some uncertainty surrounding the changes to the Business Rates Retention Scheme and the impact of Brexit.</p> <p>The final Local Government Finance Settlement 2017/18 confirmed a funding reduction of £2.3m in 17/18 and £0.9m and £0.4m over the following two years. Based on current budget estimates we will be faced with a funding gap of up to £1.2m in 19/20 (assuming council tax is increased by 2% in future years).</p> <p>The Authority will continue to review opportunities for further savings, with the next ECR due in 17/18.</p> <p>The Authority holds sufficient reserves to enable it to smooth out the impact if funding reductions and meet the financial challenges in the medium term.</p>	3	3	9	Continue to monitor position and review implications arising from Brexit	31/03/2018	DoCS	DoCS	Corp Serv

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2	<p>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>	<p>Premises based risks are assessed using the ORA process and paperwork. These are then categorised as level 1, 2, or 3 risk and documented accordingly. RIEF process is in place for sharing risk information The Service now has an ability through its RADAR product to store and record/ amend Cat 2 & 3 risk information. Premises risks categorised as level 2 risk have a hazard statement on the mobilising system. The PORIS programme went live on the 1/4/15, as per the project plan. This now gives the Service a fully compliant system against the principles outlined in the CFRA PORIS guidance. All known high risk premises are recorded on the system.</p>	3	3	9	<p>Following an audit by the Service Delivery Assurance Team further work is required to bring the assessments to a satisfactory level. 667 out of 674 plans have been reviewed, with 7 remaining outstanding. During the review process, 406 out of 674 plans have been updated and deemed fit for purpose. 268 plans require further work. Some of these require basic information such as contact numbers updating and the respective stations are awaiting this information from the site occupier. The other end of the scale is that some of the plans require significant improvement involving input from Operational Crews, Fire Safety Enforcement Officers and Haz Mats officers to create a complex plan.</p>	30/06/2017	HoSD	DoSD	Serv Delivery

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<p>3 Insufficient staffing resources, due to Industrial Action, to deal with operational demand and fulfil statutory responsibilities.</p>	<p>LFRS has a separate contingency plan in place that is specific to industrial action. This plan has been utilised throughout the current period of industrial action. Whilst overall levels of cover have been marginally reduced our resilience arrangements have ensured that we have been able to maintain our first pump attendance standards and ensured the same level of professional operational effectiveness throughout each of the periods of industrial action. Appropriate refresher training has been provided.</p> <p>There are 13 & 16 agreements in place with other NW FRSS.</p> <p>Regular dialogue takes place with key staff and representative bodies.</p> <p>In December the FBU announced that further industrial action has been put on hold until June 2017, pending the outcome of the employment tribunals relating to the modifications to the pensions scheme.</p> <p>As such it is proposed that the risk is discharged from the corporate risk register, until such time as the potential for further industrial action arises, i.e. June 2017.</p>	1	4	4	Discharged				

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<p>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.</p>	<p>The Service commissions, adopts, systematically inspects and repairs mains fed fire fighting hydrants across the County. We maintain operational plans that display the location of available hydrants and open water supplies. Accurate hydrant information now provided to FES. Hydrant inspections moved to a risk based programme. New SSI Hydrant Manager update - Central system (within FES) is now up and running with current information being available on appliance MDT's. Hydrant tech's now moved over to Toughbook's for hydrant management and reporting of defects. We have Strategic Hydrants (those with a flow rate of above 1,500 litres per minute), then Risk Category 1, 2 and 3. Strategic are tested annually, Risk 1 annually, Risk 2 every two years, and Risk 3 every three years. Defects are repaired either in-house by the Hydrant Technicians, or reported to United Utilities (Strategic being marked urgent). Strategic Hydrants are always flow tested and this is recorded on the hydrant asset in SSI. Other hydrants are dry tested Increased use of HVP for larger incidents.</p>	2	3	6	Discharged				

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5	The increasing age profile of operational staff could adversely affect our ability to deliver effective emergency response.	Fitness Assessments introduced and included as part of the Crew Training as of 1st April 14. Remedial action to ensure that acceptable levels of fitness are developed and maintained. Provision of facilities for physical exercise and training on operational stations. Currently staff are timetabled to take a fitness test, are subject to health monitoring and managers can refer staff to OHU if they have concerns. The Service provides a physiotherapy service, critical incident debriefing and counselling if needed.	3	2	6	Discharged				

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<p>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.</p>	<p>Initial and Continuation training delivery based on National Standards. Role related competencies have been identified and recorded with in Red Kite with appropriate retraining frequencies identified. Initial and Refresher training devised and delivered to cover specialist skills. Risk Critical areas such as Breathing Apparatus are centrally assessed to ensure uniformity. Risks and deficiencies identified from service and nationwide incidents, including Rule 43 Letters result in training delivery where appropriate. Incident Monitoring and REC1 processes in place to identify learning from incidents and inform Crew Refresher training. Operational competence is observed during exercises and training audits. OGBA was formally adopted by LFRS on 1st October 2015 following a comprehensive training program. A review of Incident Command Competence against National Occupational Standards has been completed and a series of training sessions have been introduced , addressing Incident Command and Hazmat competencies. E-learning system introduced, allowing a comprehensive, role related annual training plan to be implemented for all personnel. Ongoing retention of skills is captured within the MOST system and is now an embedded component of LearnPro e-learning modules.</p>	2	3	6	Discharged				

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7	Failure of key ICT systems resulting in disruption to services.	<p>Separate BCP plans developed, including backup and recovery procedures, desktop exercise completed. Regular assessment of requirements. Asset replacement policy in place, regularly reviewed. IT Firewall to prevent inappropriate access, moisture detection loop installed in SHQ plant room to identify any early threat of flooding Secondary ICT site constructed at STC to provide enhanced resilience providing replicated file data and a means to recover core services to a small number of desktops, implementation of Active Directory to enhance security and control of user access, improved virus protection. Strategy to control use of USB devices implemented. Patch and update policy place to ensure servers and workstations are up to date with latest security developments. Wide Area Network (WAN) to all administrative and operations site. New Storage Area Network (SAN) to replicate all essential servers and data to the disaster recovery site at STC. Installed 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 and also have extended the network to include the new control facility in Warrington.</p>	3	3	9	<p>Further investment into the infrastructure has been identified to improve resilience all with a focus on ease of recovery in the event of an issue. Networking resilience issues, affecting things like email and telephony, identified and corrective measures being progressed with LCC / BT Lancashire for completion by end of June 2016.</p> <p>Further consideration is being given to relocating some services to NWFC in order to make use of the intrinsic resilience built into the comm's and the building there, as a possible alternative to STC. It would also add further geographical separation to the sites and additional working space for us in the event of an incident</p>	30/06/2017	HoICT	HoICT	Strategy & Planning

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8	Loss of corporate reputation through negative publicity.	Emergency communication plan and toolkit comprehensively revised in 2016 to update all aspects of risk including business continuity issues, emergencies and broader reputational risk and to fulfil requirements of the Lancashire Resilience Forum emergency communications plan. Plan regularly tested, including exercises. Effective reactive press office and proactive media activity to build positive reputation; including on-call arrangements. Scanning and planning function helps anticipate and plan for specific reputational risks. Communication plans for all corporate projects include staff communication to reduce risk of 'leaks'. Corporate use of social media is embedded in communication plans with policy and guidance in place.	3	3	9	Social media policy and guidance requires review to ensure it keeps pace with issues and trends. Media training provision, incorporating social media training requires review.	31/12/2017	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. Retained salary 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 Workshop held 18/12/15 resulting in recommendation to create an annual RDS Workshop at which priorities will be set for the forthcoming year. RDS Strengthening & Improving work stream to deliver improvements in this area.	3	4	12	RDS Pay review agreed for implementation in April 2017, subject to Union agreement. RDS Support officer posts agreed for implementation in April 2017. On-going RDS recruitment campaigns (the most recent RDS recruit course was 50% over-subscribed indicating that future work being undertaken as part of the RDS Strengthening and Improving work streams is paying dividends.)	31/12/2017	HoSD	HoSD	Serv Delivery

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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	Proposed to discharge the risk			DoPD	People & Development
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.	Health and Safety Management System (HSMS) in place. HSA3 – workplace inspection programme. Internal Audit Framework (replace with SHE Annual Review and Station Audit Programme). HSMS developed and re-certificated to OHSAS 18001 H&S standard. SHE department plan to develop, maintain and continuously improve the HSMS. Publication of risk information – GRA's, service orders etc. External audit and scrutiny through VCA External Auditors, Audit and review arrangements in place through SHE Department audit programme. Health, Safety and Environment Advisory Group monitor performance.	3	3	9	Following the independent audit of Health and Safety and Environmental Management Systems has been carried out as part of our OHSAS 18001 and ISO 14001 certification process close out issues identified, 2 non-conformance issues which both relate to Operational Controls for third parties working/operating on LFRS premises has been received.	31/12/2017	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.	A revised structure to deliver Information Management has been implemented. Nominated Data Protection and Freedom of Information Lead Officers to ensure legal obligations met. All freedom of information requests considered by Exec Board. Performance indicators reported on a regular basis. Location Hub managed centrally allow greater integration of data. performance management software(CORVU) implemented. Data encryption in place.	3	3	9	The Information Management Strategy has developed from the original policies, a 'road map' of work need to take the Service forward to ensure we have a workable program to move the Service forward. A number of projects are underway to facilitate this: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CFRMIS 6 • Service Wide Data review • Corporate Document Centre • Self Service GIS Whilst there has been progress in the last 18 months, due to the recent loss of key members of the project staff, there is will be a slow-down in progress against what was already a 3 year programme of work.	31/12/2017	HoServ Develop	DoSP	Strategy & Planning

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14	Delayed mobilisation, impacting on service delivery.	System uses AVLS to locate the nearest available pump, based on anticipated 'run time'. 2014 saw the implementation of a new Global ITN road speed setting developed from historical evidence provided by Cheshire FRS. This implementation along with changes to Station geographical locations, the removal of road restrictions (imposed on the ITN by the developers) and the development of new response plans has seen an improvement in mobilising with appliances arriving with greater accuracy between the proposed and actual run times. Restrictions have been imposed on the system to ensure non critical incidents are attended by the host station whilst preventing a lengthy run time and/or a slow response time. This restriction ensures both the spread of resources is maintain and the continued use of RDS whilst preventing Whole time appliances being taken out of higher risk areas, this also reduces the need for standby/closing in moves.	3	3	9	Although mobilising accuracy has vastly improved, LFERS have proposed a further change to the Road speed settings based upon evidence gathered; again further improving response accuracy. The data testing and analysis has been carried out and broadly matches that of the work done by GMFRS. We are awaiting NWFC ICT contractor Telent , to undertake testing of a new set of roads speeds based on actual performance.	31/12/2017	HoServ Develop	DoSP	Strategy & Planning
15	High levels of staff absence due to outbreak of Ebola.	On-going liaison with LCC Emergency Planning Dept and LRF. Separate BCP plans developed re large scale staff absence. Enhanced sickness and absence policy implemented. OHU department to provide advice to managers/staff.	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				

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17	Failure of ESMCP to deliver a viable communication facility.	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. However there are still some areas that need to be resolved, and therefore the original go live for the North West (the first region go-live) September 2017, has moved on 3 months to January 2018. The current Airwave contract has been extended until 2019, in order to ensure that the roll out of the new system is complete before the existing contract ends.	3	3	9	The Service continues to progress work along with the other NW FRS, as the first region to role out the proposed solution. . As there is still further details to be added to the national project plan, all Services await the final programme dates, and the regional programme team will update Services as soon as they receive this updated information. There will be a clearer picture towards the end of the year after this work, and further milestones are reached within the project and the risks will be assessed and updated.	30/06/2017	HoServ Develop	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.	2	3	6	Proposed to discharge the risk			DoSP	Strategy & Planning
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	ICT Asset Mgt Plan in place, which identifies replacement timeframes for existing systems. ICT Strategy to include work stream to improve user experience. BPIP consider all new ICT systems/developments, as part of this consideration is given to capacity planning in terms of ICT resource and impact on end users CPB consider outcomes from BPIP	4	3	12	Additional ICT resources identified in 2016/17 budget, difficulties in recruiting additional ICT resources due to skill shortages have been resolved and recruitment is underway. Development of social networking site for staff to support each other and share knowledge of ICT systems is planned for 2017/18	31/03/2018	HoICT	DoSP	Strategy & Planning

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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 we currently run on our command units to manage the incident command system, has gone into administration and will no longer be able to support the software system. However we can still use on each Command unit, there will not be any support should this cease to operate. If that was the case we would need to utilise an alternative means of incident command, i.e. white board and pen. The Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) for the Vector software were bought at auction by Telent, who are the prime contractor for the NWFC ICT mobilising and communication. They have presented to say they will ensure that the original Vector developments as promised under the NWFC contract will be delivered.	3	3	9	We are currently awaiting completion of installation and testing to see if the software meets our expectations. Meanwhile the issue of developing the next generation incident Command Software is being undertaken by CFOA Operational Effectiveness and Training group	30/06/2017	HoServ Develop	DoSP	Strategy & Planning
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MEDIUM	11
MEDIUM/LOW	6
LOW	3
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- Likelihood**
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 - 4 Very Likely, see next sheet
 - 3 Likely, see next sheet
 - 2 Unlikely, see next sheet
 - 1 Rare, see next sheet
- Minor, see next sheet
 - Noticeable, see next sheet
 - Significant, see next sheet
 - Critical, see next sheet
 - Catastrophic, see next sheet