

Police, Fire and Crime Panel – 15 July 2019

Fire and Rescue Plan 2019/20

Report of the Staffordshire Commissioner

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. This report is to update the Police, Fire and Crime Panel on the development of the Commissioner's Fire and Rescue Plan and the delivery of the Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service Corporate Safety Plan (incorporating the Integrated Risk Management Plan or IRMP). The publication of these plans fulfils the legislative obligations as defined within the Fire and Rescue Service National Framework for England 2018.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. That the Panel note the update on the delivery of the plans and make comment as appropriate.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Fire and Rescue National Framework for England requires each Fire and Rescue Authority to produce an Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) which must:
 - Reflect up to date risk analyses including an assessment of all foreseeable fire and rescue related risks that could affect the area of the authority;
 - Demonstrate how prevention, protection and response activities will best be used to prevent fires and other incidents and mitigate the impact of identified risks on its communities, through authorities working either individually or collectively, in a way that makes best use of available resources;
 - outline required service delivery outcomes including the allocation of resources for the mitigation of risks;
 - Set out its management strategy and risk-based programme for enforcing the provisions of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 in accordance with the principles of better regulation set out in the Statutory Code of Compliance for Regulators, and the Enforcement Concordat;
 - Cover at least a three-year time span and be reviewed and revised as often as it is necessary to ensure that the authority is able to deliver the requirements set out in this Framework;
 - Reflect effective consultation throughout its development and at all review stages with the community, its workforce and representative bodies and partners; and

- Be easily accessible and publicly available.
- 3.2 The preparation and issue of the IRMP may be delegated to the Chief Fire Officer, however the plan must be approved by the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC) as the Fire and Rescue Authority.
- 3.3 In addition, a PFCC must produce a Fire and Rescue Plan. The Plan should set out the PFCC's strategic vision, priorities and objectives for their Fire and Rescue Service over the period of the document in connection with the discharge of their functions. This plan can be revised as frequently as considered necessary, but the Government's expectation is that a plan should be produced and issued shortly after the PFCC takes office. In developing this plan, the PFCC must make arrangements for obtaining the view of the community as they currently do in preparing the Police and Crime Plan. These views can cover both the Fire and Rescue Plan and the IRMP and so there is no need for separate consultations to be undertaken. The Government's expectation is that the Fire and Rescue Plan should inform the IRMP which should in turn outline how the PFCC's priorities will be met.

Current Position

- 3.4 As reported to the Panel meeting on 29 April, Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service will produce its next Corporate Safety Plan to cover the period from 2020 to 2024, which will incorporate the IRMP. For the same period, a Fire and Rescue Plan will be produced, allowing for the Commissioner's strategic direction as set out in the Fire and Rescue Plan and the Service's Corporate Safety Plan / IRMP to be fully aligned from 2020 and subject to joint internal and public consultation. This process will also align with the next PFCC election for Staffordshire and the term of office.
- 3.5 Internal and external consultation on the Fire and Rescue Plan and the Corporate Safety Plan / IRMP has started and will run through the summer months before a final draft is developed between October and December 2019.
- 3.6 Given the requirement for the Commissioner to produce a Fire and Rescue Plan an interim plan has been drafted in consultation with the Fire and Rescue Service to cover the period up to May 2020, and is attached at Appendix A for consideration and comment. It is not intended that this interim plan is consulted on, given the intentions of alignment detailed in 3.4 of the report. It will however, be published and publicised after internal design activity has taken place.

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