

Status of Report: Public

Meeting: Combined Fire Authority

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Subject: Integrated Risk Management Plan 2020-2024 – Outcome of Consultation

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For: Discussion

Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to present the initial high level feedback following the completion of public consultation in relation to the Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) 2020-2024 proposals.

Recommendation

2. The Combined Fire Authority (CFA) is asked to note the contents of this report and the high level summary document attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

Executive Summary

3. The CFA has a legal duty in accordance with the Fire and Rescue Act 2004 and the Fire and Rescue National Framework for England to periodically review its fire and rescue service provisions to ensure that they are fit for purpose and appropriate to community needs. To comply with this requirement a formal project has been delivered to undertake public consultation on seven IRMP proposals which were agreed by the CFA at its meeting in June 2019.
4. The 12 week period of public consultation on those proposals commenced on the 3 September 2019 and concluded on 25 November 2019. The initial outcomes of the consultation have been collated and analysed and are attached as Appendix 1 to this report.
5. The formal IRMP Consultation Summary Report will be presented to the CFA on the 12 February 2020.

Background

6. The proposals which the CFA approved for public consultation were:

- Use our fire engines flexibly, aiming to attend life threatening incidents in an average of 10 minutes
 - Use our firefighters efficiently and flexibly to maximise our appliance availability
 - Purchase a second high reach appliance to replace the older one of the two vehicles
 - Continue to undertake our education and enforcement activities, targeting those most at risk
 - Continue to collaborate with other blue light services and our partner agencies to support our purpose of safer people, safer places
 - We want to enable our staff to do the right thing to help our communities
 - We want to implement alternative crewing arrangements in the event of the Service moving away from the current Day Crewing Plus duty system
7. The high level summary report presented as Appendix 1 includes the background to the consultation and the principles which were followed in undertaking it. It summarises the engagement activity completed and details of the consultation responses.
 8. Appendix 1 also includes a summary of the costs incurred in undertaking the consultation, details regarding the demographics of those who responded and a brief summary on the results of each proposal.
 9. The final IRMP Consultation Summary Report will be formatted with the Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS) branding and be supported by a detailed report created by Leicestershire County Council who have assisted LFRS with the consultation activities. Both of these reports will be submitted to the CFA for review and seeking approval at its meeting on 12 February 2020.

Report Implications/Impact

10. Legal (including crime and disorder)

The consultation enables compliance by the CFA with the provisions of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 and associated regulations; it also assists the CFA in meeting its statutory general Duty of Best Value contained in the Local Government Act 1999 which requires it to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the way in which its functions are exercised having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

Lawful consultation must be carried out when proposals are at a formative stage and must contain enough information to allow responders to consider the issues and the product of the consultation must be conscientiously considered by decision makers.

11. Financial (including value for money, benefits and efficiencies)

Delivery of the IRMP 2020-2024 public consultation incurred costs of

£8,327.45. In addition to these costs there was significant resource effort incurred by the Planning Team, Senior Management and staff in creating, managing and communicating the consultation.

12. Risk (including corporate and operational, health and safety and any impact on the continuity of service delivery)

Through compliance with legal requirements in relation to consultation described by the 'Gunning' principles, the CFA has mitigated risk.

13. Staff, Service Users and Stakeholders (including the Equality Impact Assessment)

The detail and full analysis of participation in the public consultation are contained in Appendix 1 that is attached to this report.

The public consultation Equality Impact Assessment was completed prior to the commencement of the consultation.

14. Environmental

None identified.

15. Impact upon Our Plan Objective

Undertaking effective consultation achieves the aim of our Governance Strategy of 'proving assurance'. It also meets the first objective of that strategy which states that 'we will engage with staff and all communities on major changes affecting our Service'.

Background Papers

Integrated Risk Management Plan 2020-2024 Proposals Document – June 2019
CFA.

Appendices

Appendix - IRMP 2020-2024 Consultation Summary Report.

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