

News Release

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Have You Had Your Say? IRMP Consultation

In September, Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service started a public consultation following the launch of an Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) for 2020-2024.

The Service is currently over half-way through a 12-week public consultation period on the latest IRMP proposals. People in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, who haven't had their say yet are being encouraged to do so.

An IRMP must assess all foreseeable fire and rescue related risks to communities, and put in place arrangements to respond to and deal with them.

It must cover at least a three-year period, be regularly reviewed, developed through consultation and be accessible and cost-effective.

Rick Taylor, Chief Fire and Rescue Officer, said: "Our IRMP process fulfils our purpose of safer people, safer places and takes account of the risks faced by our communities, including the consequences of fires, road traffic collisions, flooding and collapsed buildings, amongst others. It's focused on how best our resources can be used to manage and or reduce and limit the risks."

The Service has gathered and analysed five years of historical demand data, risk data, station location information, response times and budget constraints, and the seven proposals are subject to public consultation, which will run until midnight on Monday 25 November 2019.

The proposals included in this are:

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

Enable our staff to do the right thing to help our communities

Implement alternative crewing arrangements in the event of the Service moving away from the current Day Crewing Plus duty system

Rick Taylor, added: “We are actively encouraging our communities in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland to take part in this consultation exercise. We are now over half-way through our consultation period, and are keen to hear your views.

“Have you had your say? If you haven’t, this is now your opportunity to have your say about your service.

“Please tell us what you think of our proposals.”

The consultation has been advertised widely on social media, as an integral part of encouraging local communities to participate.

To participate in the IRMP consultation please complete the online questionnaire which can be found at leics-fire.gov.uk/irmp.

Alternatively, if you require a paper based questionnaire or assistance in completing or providing your feedback, please contact Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service on 0116 210 5550, or email IRMPConsultation@leics-fire.gov.uk

Consultation ends at midnight on 25 November 2019, and a consultation summary report will be presented to the Combined Fire Authority in February 2020, where they will agree which proposals should be progressed.

For further information and details of the proposals, please visit leics-fire.gov.uk/irmp where you will find copies of the documents.

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Notes to Editors:

Interviews can be arranged through prior arrangement with Corporate Communications on the details below.

About the Service

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service provides emergency response, prevention and protection services from 20 stations across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. Its headquarters is based in Birstall, Leicester.

During 2018/19, the Service attended 762 road traffic collisions, of which 125 were extrications from vehicles, in addition to 2,569 fires. We carried out 6,746 home safety checks and fitted 4,790 smoke alarms. 279 schools were visited as part of the Service's schools programme, delivering fire and road safety education to pupils. Staff organised or took part in 1,068 community safety events, promoting fire and road safety and arson prevention, and 134 Virtual Fatal Four (VF4) events as part of the Service's young drivers' road safety project.

The Service's prevention, education, enforcement and inspection programmes have resulted in significant reductions in the number of incidents. In the last ten years, fire-related incidents have reduced by over 30 percent.

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