

MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY			
MEETING OF THE:	AUDIT SUB COMMITTEE		
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PRESENTING OFFICER	DEPUTY CHIEF FIRE OFFICER		
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TITLE OF REPORT:	CORPORATE RISK REGISTER UPDATE JULY - OCT 2015		

APPENDICES:	APPENDIX A: CORPORATE RISK REGISTER 2015-16
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Purpose of Report

1. To inform Members of the current risks contained within the Corporate Risk Register, the status of the risks and associated control measures - including reference to any new risks added to the Register or any risks that no longer apply and can be removed

Recommendation

2. That Members approve the updated Corporate Risk Register.

Introduction and Background

3. It is good practice to regularly review the internal and external risks to the ongoing delivery of service by the Authority.
4. To that end, a Corporate Risk Register has been produced which focusses on the Mission and Aims of the Authority and aligns each risk to a specific aim. The resultant risks have been scored against the original risk and re-scored following mitigation. The purpose of this report is to ask Members to review the updated register to consider any implications for the Authority.

October 2015 Update

5. In line with the National Framework 2012 for Fire and Rescue Services a supplement to the existing Integrated Risk Management Plan 2013/15 has been approved by the Authority to cover the two year period 2015/17. This addresses MFRA's commitment to meeting its legal and social obligations.
6. In March 2015 risk owners were asked to review their risks for the new financial year 2015/16. They were asked to assess if risks assigned to them are still relevant and current, if the mitigation put in place is still adequate and if risk

scores are still appropriate. This review is repeated each time the register is updated.

7. Members are asked to note the risk control measures implemented for the following risks;
 - Risk 1.1 Insufficient staff to maintain current levels of operational planning, training and management of intelligence - A firefighter recruit course started in April 2015 is now finished and the recruits now crew two additional appliances on a wholetime retained crewing system.
 - Risk 2.6 Potential impact if MFRA does not build on relationship with PCC on Prevention and Protection working and partnerships. Work in support of the Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC) Office (and 5 Local Authority Community Safety Partnerships (CSP's)) remains a priority. Officers engage at the Merseyside CSP (chaired by PCC) and support a number of tactical groups).
 - Risk 4.6 Increased flood risk and Risk 4.7 Extreme weather - All frontline crew are trained and equipped in still water response and the Search and Rescue Team are all swift water rescue and rescue boat operator trained. Crews were deployed to assist in Cumbria, Lancashire, West and North Yorkshire during recent flooding.
 - The wording of Risk 4.3 has been changed to reflect concern about inequalities and the changes to society being due to environmental and political change. Officers closely monitor incidents for areas of concern and have seasonal plans in place to meet some of these challenges.

Equality and Diversity Implications

8. There are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report.

Staff Implications

9. There are no specific staff implications arising from this report.

Legal Implications

10. There are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

Financial Implications & Value for Money

11. Management of Corporate Risk and the application of suitable mitigation strategies being in place, affords the Authority security that should a risk become an issue then suitable remedies are in place to mitigate any impact.

Risk Management, Health & Safety, and Environmental Implications

12. The assessment and mitigation of risk is essential in ensuring a safe working environment for all MFRA employees and its agents and consideration of its actions on the environment is paramount.

Contribution to Our Mission: *Safer Stronger Communities – Safe Effective Firefighters*

13. Knowledge of and response to a risk occurring is an essential component of ensuring that the Authority continues to deliver an effective and efficient service to the communities of Merseyside.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

CFO/065/15 Corporate Risk Register Update April – June 2015

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

COMAH	Control of Major Accident Hazard
CSP	Community Safety Partnership
PCC	Police and Crime Commissioner