

AGENDA ITEM:

REPORT TO:	MERSEYSIDE FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY MEETING
DATE:	18TH MARCH 2010
REPORT NO.	CFO/032/10
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SUBJECT:	POST CONSULTATION IRMP 2010/13 AND SERVICE PLAN EXTRACT; IRMP ACTION PLAN 2010/11

APPENDIX (A)	TITLE	INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN 2010/13
(B)	TITLE	SERVICE PLAN EXTRACT; INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN ACTION PLAN 2010/11
(C)	TITLE	ORS REPORT IRMP PUBLIC CONSULTATION FORUM
(D)	TITLE	FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY (FRAM)
(E)	TITLE	RISKTEC LTD EVALUATION REPORT ON THE FRAM
(F)	TITLE	REPORT ON CHANGES MADE TO THE IRMP AS A RESULT OF CONSULTATION

Purpose of Report

1. To report the outcomes of public consultation on the IRMP to the Authority, and to seek approval for the final version of the Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) 2010/13 and Service Plan extract; Integrated Risk Management Plan Action Plan 2010/11.

Recommendation

2. That the Members approve an Integrated Risk Management Plan for 2010/13 attached as Appendix A, or as otherwise determined by the Authority taking into account any further response provided by the FBU by 14th March 2010, and an associated Action Plan for 2010/11 attached as Appendix B which is to be included in the Service Plan.

Executive Summary

3. Attached to this report are the statutorily required Integrated Risk Management Plan and the annual strategic action plan, (Appendices A and B). These documents are the result of collaboration and contribution from all directorates within Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service and have been amended to reflect the outcomes of the public consultation.
4. In a change from previous years, all planned activity will now be included within the Service Plan. This will make the Service Plan the single source for capturing and reporting progress of planned development activity within Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service.
5. After Authority approval the Integrated Risk Management Plan actions will be added to the full Service Plan for release prior to the start of the financial year 2010/11.
6. Also within the Appendices are the reports from; the consultation forum facilitated by Opinion Research Services (Appendix C), Fire Risk Assessment Methodology (Appendix D), RiskTec Solutions Limited Evaluation Report of the Fire Risk Assessment Methodology (Appendix E).

Introduction & Background

7. The Government White Paper "Our Fire & Rescue Service" published in June 2003 outlined a massive agenda for reform of the Fire Service. One of the key elements of the White Paper was the introduction of a modern approach to risk that required each Fire & Rescue Authority in the country to produce an Integrated Risk Management Plan and associated Action Plan. The primary objective for this was to make each Fire & Rescue Service more responsive to locally identified needs and better able to deliver safer communities.
8. The consultation process was completed and is reported within the IRMP document Appendix A (page 46). The public consultation ran for over 12 weeks in this case, from 16th October to 14th January 2010. A summary of changes made to the initial draft IRMP to date as a result of consultation are set out in Appendix F.

9. The Fire Brigades Union was granted an additional two months of consultation time which expired on 14th March 2010. Any comments and amendments from the FBU will be added as a late paper for this meeting as the consultation extension runs beyond the reporting date for this meeting. To satisfy our statutory requirements the IRMP for 2010/2013 should be agreed prior to the start of the financial year 2010/2011.
10. A presentation on the outcomes of the consultation process was delivered at the Members Strategy Day on 27th January 2010.

Equality & Diversity Implications

11. Each action in the final approved IRMP Action Plan will be subject to an individual equality impact assessment prior to implementation.

Financial Implications & Value for Money

12. Financial implications are contained within the document Appendix B and have been considered fully as part the budget setting process for 2010/2011.

Contribution to Achieving the Vision:

“To make Merseyside a Safer, Stronger, Healthier Community”

13. The Integrated Risk Management Plan is the key document which enables Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service to manage our resources with full consideration of the impact on the risk to life for the people of Merseyside. This document details the actions we intend to take to achieve our Vision.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

A full Bibliography is included at the back of the Integrated Risk Management Plan (Appendix A) pg 60.

***Glossary of Terms**

IRMP – Integrated Risk Management Plan