

**AGENDA ITEM:**

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>MERSEYSIDE FIRE &amp; RESCUE AUTHORITY BUDGET MEETING</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2008</b>
<b>REPORT NO.</b>	<b>CFO/54/08</b>
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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN 2 ACTION PLAN 2</b>

Purpose of Report

1. To seek approval to the content and publication of the final Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) 2, associated Action Plan 2.

Recommendations

2. That Members approve the Integrated Risk Management 2, Action Plan 2 attached as Appendix A and agree its publication.

Executive Summary

This report contains the proposed amendments to IRMP 2, Action Plan 2 which have been arrived at as a result of the consultation process. Copies of the revised, Action Plan and summary of the amendments are contained within the appendices of this report.

Background

3. The Government White Paper "Our Fire & Rescue Service" published in June 2003 outlined an 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 Authority in the country to produce an IRMP 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.

4. In accordance with the timetable determined by the Government, this Authority produced its draft 2 Action Plan 2 and this was approved by the Authority as the basis for public consultation on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2007. The consultation period lasted until 10<sup>th</sup> January 2008, a total of 12 weeks, and the results of this consultation exercise are reported to the Authority separately on the agenda with report CFO/53/08 – Integrated Risk Management Plan – report on consultation.
5. There were a number of observations made during the consultation period which have resulted in recommended changes to the draft IRMP. The main changes are detailed in Appendix B.
6. As a result of this consultation, the proposed revised 2 Action list 2. is enclosed as Appendix A to this report. If approved, this will be immediately placed on the Authority's website and thereby be available by the publication deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2008. Hard copies will be printed and distributed to those who responded to the consultation process and be made available to others upon request. One significant change proposed for the 'vision' of the Authority is to recognise the positive influence we can have on the health of our community. The new vision would be:-

To make Merseyside a safer, stronger, healthier community.

#### Monitoring and Review

8. The Chief Fire Officer will keep both the approved IRMP and associated Action Plans under review during 2008/09 and will present quarterly reports to members on progress against the Action Plan.

#### Equality & Diversity Implications

9. Any policy decision in the proposed Action Plan will be subject to an individual equality impact assessment.

#### Financial Implications

10. The full financial implications of the IRMP and associated Action Plan will be included for approval as part of the Authority Budget for 2008/09, and Members are referred to the budget report set out separately on the agenda for the meeting.

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- (i) Government White Paper "Our Fire & Rescue Service" June 2003
- (ii) Letter from ODPM 'Fire Authority Integrated Risk Management Plans (IRMP) Guidance Notes 1 & 2', 28 July, 2003

- (iii) Report CFO/188/07 'Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan', 18<sup>th</sup> October 2007.
- (iv) Report CFO/53/08 'Outcomes of Consultation', Fire Authority 21<sup>st</sup> February 2008.
- (v) The Fire & Rescue National Framework 2006/08, ODPM, April 2006.
- (vi) Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004.

## **APPENDIX A**

Proposed final IRMP 2 Action list 2.

## **APPENDIX B**

Summary of proposed amendments to IRMP2 and Action Plan 2