

AGENDA ITEM:

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>MERSEYSIDE FIRE &amp; RESCUE AUTHORITY BUDGET MEETING</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2009</b>
<b>REPORT NO.</b>	<b>CFO/059/09</b>
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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN (IRMP) 2 AND ASSOCIATED ACTION PLAN 3</b>

**APPENDIX A                      TITLE                      INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN  
(IRMP) 2 AND ASSOCIATED ACTION PLAN 3**  
**ATTACHED – HARD COPY**

Purpose of Report

1. To seek approval of the content and publication of the final Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) 2 and associated Action Plan 3.

Recommendation

2. That Members approve the content and publication of the final Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) 2 and associated Action Plan 3.

Executive Summary

This report contains the proposed amendments to IRMP 2 and Action Plan 3 which have been arrived at as a result of the consultation process. Copies of the revised IRMP, Action Plan and summary of the amendments are contained within the appendices of this report.

Introduction & Background

3. 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 Authority in the country to produce an I.R.M.P. 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 create safer communities.

4. In accordance with the timetable determined by the Government, this Authority produced its draft IRMP.2 Action Plan 3 and this was approved by the Authority as the basis for public consultation on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2008. The consultation period lasted until 16<sup>th</sup> January 2009, a total of 12 weeks, and the results of this consultation exercise are reported to the Authority separately on the Agenda with Report CFO/058/09 Integrated Risk Management Plan – Report On Consultation.
5. As a result of this consultation, the proposed revised IRMP 2 Action List 3 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, 2009. Hard copies will be printed and distributed to those who responded to the consultation process and be made available to others upon request.

#### Monitoring and Review

6. The Chief Fire Officer will keep both the approved I.R.M.P. and associated Action Plans under review during 2009/10 and will present quarterly reports to Members on progress against the Action Plan.

#### Equality & Diversity Implications

7. Each action in the proposed IRMP will be subject to an individual equality impact assessment.

#### Financial Implications & Value for Money

8. The full financial implications of the I.R.M.P. and associated Action Plan will be included for approval as part of the Authority Budget for 2009/10, and Members are referred to the various Budget Reports set out separately on the Agenda for the meeting.

#### Health & Safety and Environmental Implications

9. Implications will be addressed by managers for all IRMP points as part of the assessment process.

#### Contribution to Achieving the Vision:

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

10. The IRMP is an integral part of our planning to make Merseyside a Safer, Stronger, Healthier Community.

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Government White Paper “Our Fire & Rescue Service” June 2003
2. Letter from O.D.P.M. “Fire Authority Integrated Risk Management Plans (I.R.M.P.) Guidance Notes 1 & 2”, 28 July, 2003
3. Report CFO/233/08 “Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan” Merseyside Fire & Civil Rescue Authority 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2008.