

AGENDA ITEM:

REPORT TO: Meeting of the	MERSEYSIDE FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY
DATE:	22ND OCTOBER 2013
REPORT NO.	CFO/122/13
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SUBJECT:	COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION POLICY AND RISK BASED STRATEGY

APPENDIX	A	Draft Community Fire Protection Policy
	B	Draft Service Instruction
	C	Equality Impact Assessment

Purpose of Report

1. To request that the Authority note the amendments to the revised Community Fire Protection Policy (Appendix A) and the introduction of the new Community Fire Protection Risk Based Strategy (Appendix B).

Recommendation

2. That the Authority approve the amended Fire Protection Policy and Service Instruction for the Protection Risk Based Strategy.

Introduction & Background

3. The Community Fire Protection (Protection) Policy sets out how Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority delivers Protection (legislative fire safety) work in order to meet its statutory duties under the Fire and Rescue Service Act 2004, the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 and various other fire safety legislation.
4. The current Policy (Number CFSPOL04) has been reviewed as a consequence of Departmental restructure and the release of the 2012 Fire and Rescue National Framework for England.

5. The Policy has been amended to provide a stronger focus upon the Service's Mission and to consider all of the Authorities duties under various pieces of fire safety legislation and the Equalities Act 2010.
6. The Policy considers the delivery of outcomes as defined in the IRMP and Service Plan.
7. The Policy adopts a "Risk Based" approach for Community Fire Protection. Details of the Risk Based Strategy and Programmes that fall out of this Policy are detailed in the proposed Service Instruction: Protection Risk Based Strategy, attached as Appendix B.

Equality & Diversity Implications

8. A full Equality Impact Assessment has been completed for the new Policy and Risk Based Strategy. The impact assessment is attached as Appendix C.

Staff Implications

9. The amended policy has no direct impact upon staff.

Legal Implications

10. The Policy sets out the Authorities statutory duty under section 6 of the Fire Services Act 2004, the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, the Regulators Compliance Code and other fire safety legislation where the Authority has a duty to enforce (see appendix A of the Policy) and to consult upon (see appendix B of the Policy).

Financial Implications & Value for Money

11. There are no additional financial and value for money implications, contained within this report.

Risk Management, Health & Safety, and Environmental Implications

12. The amended policy considers and makes reference to the management of risk, health and safety and the environment.

Contribution to Our Mission – To Achieve; Safer Stronger Communities – Safe Effective Firefighters

13. The amended Policy and the new Risk Based Strategy sets out the contribution to our mission through the application and discharge of our statutory duties.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

N/A

***Glossary of Terms**

MFRA - Merseyside Fire & Rescue Authority

Appendix C. Equality Impact Assessment