

MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

MEETING OF THE:	AUTHORITY COMMITTEE		
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TITLE OF REPORT:	PREVENTION FIRE STANDARD IMPLEMENTATION		

APPENDICES:	APPENDIX A:	PREVENTION FIRE STANDARD
	APPENDIX B:	PREVENTION FIRE STANDARD – IMPLEMENTATION TOOLKIT

Purpose of Report

1. To provide Members with confirmation of the full implementation of the Prevention Fire Standard

Recommendation

2. It is recommended that Members note the contents of this report and its appendices.

Introduction and Background

3. The Prevention Fire Standard was issued by the Fire Standards Board (FSB) on 30th July 2021 as contained in Appendix A and includes 12 specific criteria for FRS's to adopt to comply with the requirements therein.
4. To assist FRS's in tracking and monitoring the implementation of each Fire Standard published, an implementation toolkit is also provided, a copy of which is contained in Appendix B. All implementation toolkits relating to MFRS Fire Standards are stored on the portal within the Strategy and Performance Directorate.
5. The overarching desired outcome of the Prevention Fire Standard is described by the FSB as follows:

A fire and rescue service that works to educate its communities to adopt safer behaviours, improving their safety, health and wellbeing. One that reduces community related risks identified through its community risk management planning and reduces incidents through delivering effective, efficient and targeted prevention activities.

A service with a learning and sharing culture, working collaboratively with others where appropriate, seeking to improve and innovate prevention activities. One that contributes to a more consistent national approach to reducing risk and keeping communities safe.

<https://www.firestandards.org/standards/approved/prevention-fsd-pre01/>

6. The implementation of the Prevention Fire Standard underpins each of the key deliverables within the Prevention Functional Delivery Plan. Progress has been tracked by the Area Manager of Prevention and Prevention Department Heads with updates provided to CRM (Prevention) Board at regular frequencies.
7. MFRS are well positioned in terms of its Prevention activity and were broadly compliant already against the Prevention Fire Standard on its introduction. Using the Fire Standard implementation tool by way of confirmation of Prevention activity, MFRS can now demonstrate compliance against all criteria.
8. Additionally, MFRS identified that the implementation toolkit did not provide a facility for any FRS to capture details or evidence of where they may exceed the minimum requirements stipulated within the Standard. Consequently, MFRS made suggestions to the FSB for the addition of an 'areas of good practice' section to be added to the implementation toolkit. This suggestion was accepted and supported by the FSB.

Equality and Diversity Implications

9. All functional plan deliverables, including the implementation of the Prevention Fire Standard have been assessed from an equality and diversity perspective and recorded in the associated Equality Impact Assessment (EIA).

Staff Implications

- 10 MFRS officers have been engaged through NFCC at the Home Safety Committee and as such were invited as contributory partners to the development of the Prevention Fire Standard. As such, staff implications regarding current work practices are considered to be minimal but will be constantly reviewed and monitored via extant managerial forums and reporting measures within the Prevention Directorate.

Legal Implications

11. There are no direct legal implications arising from this report. Full implementation of these criteria ensures full accordance with the Prevention Fire Standard.

Financial Implications & Value for Money

12. There are no financial implications in respect of this report.

Risk Management, Health & Safety, and Environmental Implications

13. Full implementation of the Prevention Fire Standard aligns departmental activities to National standard requirements and ensures provision of effective Prevention related services to the communities of Merseyside.

Contribution to Our Vision: *To be the best Fire & Rescue Service in the UK.*

Our Purpose: *Here to serve, Here to protect, Here to keep you safe.*

14. MFRS are recognised leaders in Prevention activity. Officers lead national work streams which support the professionalising of the Prevention function within the UK Fire and Rescue Sector. Officers have also contributed to the creation of the Fire Standard for Prevention and have been engaged by the FSB Chairs, putting MFRS well placed to deliver the highest quality service.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

CRM	Community Risk Management
EIA	Equality Impact Assessment
FRS	Fire and Rescue Service
FSB	Fire Standards Board
MFRS	Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service
NFCC	National Fire Chief's Council