

MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY			
MEETING OF THE:	BUDGET AUTHORITY		
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TITLE OF REPORT:	DRAFT COMMUNITY RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN 2024/27		
APPENDICES:	APPENDIX A:	DRAFT CRMP 2024/27	
	APPENDIX B:	DRAFT CRMP 2024/27 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT	

Purpose of Report

1. To request that Members approve the release of the draft Community Risk Management Plan 2024/27 for a period of 12 weeks consultation prior to adoption and implementation, whilst noting that the proposals outlined within the Community Risk Management Plan may change to reflect the views expressed during the consultation process.

Recommendation

2. It is recommended that Members approve the draft Community Risk Management Plan 2024/27 attached at Appendix A to be subject to a period of 12 weeks consultation prior to final approval, publication and implementation (a designed version of the draft Plan will be published for consultation purposes).

Introduction and Background

3. The Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 and the National Framework for England 2018 outline the legal requirements to produce an integrated risk management plan. The primary objective of this process is to make each Fire and Rescue Authority more responsive to locally identified risk and needs, and better able to deliver safer communities. To ensure consistency with the Community Risk Management Planning National Fire Standard, the Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority 2024/27 plan will be called a Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP).
4. Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority's ('the Authority') draft CRMP is a medium-term plan that captures future aspirations and the strategic direction for the Authority in order to deliver its Vision: "To be the best Fire & Rescue

Service in the UK. One team, putting its communities first” and its Purpose: “Here to serve. Here to protect. Here to keep you safe”.

5. Engagement with the public and staff has already been undertaken in order to develop this draft CRMP and the details of the public engagement were reported to the Policy and Resources Committee on 10th December 2023. The outcomes of the 12-week consultation on this draft CRMP will be reported back to Authority in June and the final CRMP will be published on 1st July. Details of the consultation process can be found at page 46 of the draft CRMP.
6. The draft CRMP 2024/27 contains the proposals being considered by the Authority in order meet its obligations whilst continuing to make bold and innovative changes to deliver an excellent service to the residents of Merseyside.
7. The draft CRMP considers existing and emerging risk, demand for our services and the vulnerability of our communities, such as socio-economic vulnerability to fire and other risks and the impact and requirements of the Grenfell and Manchester Arena Inquiries. It also considers the impact of fire and rescue service inspection, climate change, the risk of contaminants and alternative fuels. Full details of the process we have followed to assess risk can be found from page 50 of the draft CRMP.
8. The draft CRMP explores our opportunities to expand our services and change our practices and technology to increase front line resources and response, strengthen Prevention and Protection, achieve Net Zero by 2040 and provide national and international training and development at our new Training and Development Academy. The proposed actions for 2024/27 can be found from page 38 of the draft CRMP.
9. Our work to deliver against our current Integrated Risk Management Plan (‘IRMP’) has progressed well and details of what we have achieved in relation to each IRMP action can be found at page 59 of the draft CRMP.

Equality and Diversity Implications

10. A draft Equality Impact Assessment (‘EIA’) is attached at Appendix B, this EIA will be developed further during the consultation process, with the final version presented to the Authority in June.

Staff Implications

11. Principal Officers have been engaging with staff specifically about the CRMP for several months and this will continue during the consultation process.

Legal Implications

12. The legal basis for the production of the CRMP is outlined within the main body of this report.

Financial Implications & Value for Money

13. The cost of the consultation process will be in the region of £10,000 and it can be contained within existing budgets.

Risk Management and Health & Implications

14. The purpose of the CRMP is to address the impact of foreseeable risk in Merseyside and full details of the approach to that can be found throughout the draft CRMP.
15. All proposals within the draft CRMP that become actions in the final version will be managed as projects and the consideration of health and safety will be a part of that process.

Environmental Implications

16. The achievement of Net Zero by 2040 will be considered during the project management process for the final CRMP actions, with consideration always being given to the impact of actions on the Service's carbon output.

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

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17. The CRMP is the main document in which the Authority sets out how it will reduce risks and deliver its services to the public.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

NONE

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

MFRA	Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority
MFRS	Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service
CRMP	Community Risk Management Plan

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