

MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY			
MEETING OF THE:	POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE		
DATE:	28 JULY 2016	REPORT NO:	CFO/064/16
PRESENTING OFFICER	DEPUTY CHIEF FIRE OFFICER		
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TITLE OF REPORT:	IRMP 2017-20 PREPARATION & PLANNING PRINCIPLES		

APPENDICES:	APPENDIX A: ORS REPORT “LISTENING AND ENGAGEMENT” FORUMS WITH MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
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Purpose of Report

1. To request that Members note and approve planning principles which have been created in order to inform the development of proposals within the Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) 2017-20. These principles have been the subject of public consultation.

Recommendation

2. That Members approve the planning principles as the basis for development of proposals for the IRMP 2017-20

Introduction and Background

3. The Authority will publish a new IRMP for 2017-20; initially in draft for twelve weeks consultation (October 2016), with the final version being approved at the 2017 Budget Authority Meeting.
4. An important part of IRMP preparation is the consultation undertaken with the public at a formative stage. As future decisions on the proposals contained within the IRMP must consider the impacts and implications of any changes to services, it was considered important that members of the public were given an opportunity to express their views on what is most important to them in relation to their fire and rescue service. To that end, in May 2016, the Authority consulted on the planning principles that it believed were important to consider when developing the IRMP.
5. Prior to and following the Authority’s Budget Resolution in February 2016 the Strategic Management Group (SMG) met several times (in January and March). The purpose of these meetings was to develop the factors to be

- Based in the community
10. The full report on the consultation, including details about the Planning Principles, can be found as an appendix to this report.

Next Steps

11. It is planned that following the Authority Strategy Day on 12th July 2016 there will be two Strategic Management Group meetings (on 15th and 25th July) to apply the seven principles to planning for the IRMP 2017-20. The draft IRMP will be brought to the Authority for consideration on 20th October 2016.
12. Following Authority approval, a further twelve weeks consultation on the proposals contained in the draft IRMP 2017-20 will take place between October and December 2016. This will include consultation with the public, partner organisations, businesses, staff and representative bodies in meetings, forums, press, social media and questionnaires.
13. The final IRMP 2017-20 will be published in March 2017 following any changes and Authority approval.

Equality and Diversity Implications

14. The protected characteristics identified in the Equality Act 2010 were included in the presentation by ORS and were considered against each of the seven principles when ranking them in order of importance to inform decision making. A full EIA will be undertaken for the IRMP 2017-20.

Staff Implications

15. There are no staff implications at this stage and any implications arising in the next stages of the IRMP process will be detailed in relevant reports.

Legal Implications

16. Section 21 of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 places a statutory duty on the Authority to have regard of the National Framework 2012. This requires the Authority to produce and publish an Integrated Risk Management Plan. This report is the first stage of the process to fully discharge statutory duties under the National Framework.

Financial Implications & Value for Money

17. There are no financial implications related to this report. Costs relating to consultation on the draft IRMP will be considered at a later meeting.

Risk Management, Health & Safety, and Environmental Implications

18. The IRMP details the strategic approach to risk management, encompassing what has been done to manage risk and what will be done in the coming three years.

Contribution to Our Mission: *Safer Stronger Communities – Safe Effective Firefighters*

19. The IRMP is the primary way in which the Authority sets out how it will prepare for and respond to risk within its communities.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

MFRA	Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority
ORS	Opinion Research Services
IRMP	Integrated Risk Management Plan
EIA	Equality Impact Assessment