

## DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN AND INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN 2014-17

### SUMMARY

1. The Fire Authority previously approved for the draft Strategic Plan 2014-17 and draft Integrated Risk Management Plan 2014-17 to go out for formal consultation. During the six-week period of consultation, one external response and a number of internal responses were received.
2. This report summarises the feedback received during the consultation and the changes which have been made to both plans as a result, and seeks approval for the Draft Strategic Plan 2014-17 at Appendix 1 and the Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan 2014-17 at Appendix 2 to be published as final documents.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

3. Members are asked to consider this report and approve the plans for publication.

### FORMAL CONSULTATION

4. Members approved for the draft Strategic Plan 2014-17 and draft Integrated Risk Management Plan 2014-17 to go out for formal consultation at its meeting on 16 December 2013. Due to the minor nature of the changes which had been made to both plans since the last refresh, the consultation period for the plans was six weeks. A questionnaire was produced to gather feedback, asking respondents to indicate if they agreed or disagreed with a number of questions regarding the draft plans. A copy of the questionnaire questions can be found at Appendix 3.
5. The draft plans and questionnaire were available on the Humberside Fire and Rescue Service website with a link directly from the homepage. Links to the consultation area on the website were posted on the Service Twitter feed and Facebook page and a press release was issued to all media to encourage people to participate.
6. In total, only one external response was received during the six-week consultation period. This was from East Riding of Yorkshire Council. Internal responses to the IRMP have also been received by the Corporate Planning Team.
7. It is not surprising that the response to the consultation has been low. The Authority has undertaken a number of consultations over the last 12 months, including the previous refresh of the Strategic Plan.
8. The response supported the plans and made a number of positive comments, including that:

*In terms of Performance and Strategic Partnerships, 'The Humberside Fire and Rescue Service priorities align to those within the East Riding Community Plan'.*

In terms of Emergency Planning, the plans '*reflect our priorities in terms of preparing for emergencies, encouraging communities to prepare for emergencies and commitment to the Local Resilience Forum*'.

In terms of Adult Services, '*The Service found the Strategic Plan clear and practically orientated*' and '*The Integrated Risk Management Plan provides clear and relevant information with regard to highlighting low and medium risk areas in the East Riding. The HFRS aim to change behaviour aligns with the Council's focus on asset based approaches*'.

9. Whilst the level of response was low, the feedback which was received was detailed and a number of changes, below, have been made to the plans:

Strategic Plan 2014/17:

Page 4. Paragraph 1.

We have emphasised that activity is focused on those at 'greatest risk'.

Page 4. Paragraph 6.

We have emphasised the value of working in 'collaboration' with our partners.

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We have refreshed the financial outlook, incorporating recurring savings achieved through the Operational Efficiency Programme and the impact of the Government Financial Settlement published during the period of consultation on 5 February 2014.

A suggestion was received from Safer Roads Humber, ERYC that more focus could be provided in the Strategic Plan with regard to our role in responding to traffic collisions and reducing casualties. We consider that this has been adequately met within the commentary around our Community Outcomes and Strategic Objectives, particularly the reference to "other emergencies"

IRMP 2014/17:

Page 5. Service Overview.

We have amended the census figures for the East Riding of Yorkshire.

A refresh of all census information is expected in June, this will be reflected in the IRMP at that time.

Page 18. Flood Response.

The information relating to our flood response arrangements has been refreshed to reflect recent incidents.

Page 19. Training Infrastructure.

Information has been added to reflect the development of our Training Infrastructure in response to suggestions from our Operational Training Manager.

The general content of the IRMP has been updated including the Hyperlinks to other information and guidance, provided within the internet based plan.

A suggestion was received from Community Partnerships, ERYC, that specific information should be included regarding the threat of terrorism. Our role within counter terrorism is relatively small and we consider that this has been adequately detailed at Page 20. National Resilience, Inter-Agency Liaison Officers. We would not seek to include specific intelligence relating to geographical areas in the plan.

## STRATEGIC PLAN COMPATIBILITY

10. This report sets out the results of the consultation so that the Authority can consider and approve its Strategic Plan and Integrated Risk Management Plan.

## FINANCIAL/RESOURCES/VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

11. None arising directly.

## LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

12. The publication of the IRMP meets the requirements of the National Framework.

## EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT/HR IMPLICATIONS

13. None arising directly.

## CORPORATE RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

14. None arising directly.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

15. None arising directly.

## COMMUNICATION ACTIONS ARISING

16. The Strategic Plan and Integrated Risk Management Plan will be published on the Service website when approved by the Authority. Feedback will also be provided to the external consultee.

## DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

17. As outlined above.

## BACKGROUND PAPERS AVAILABLE FOR ACCESS

18. Appendix 1 - Draft Strategic Plan 2014/17.  
Appendix 2 - Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan 2014/17.  
Appendix 3 - Consultation questionnaire.

Access to the consultation response is available through the Corporate Communication team.

## RECOMMENDATIONS RESTATED

19. Members are asked to consider this report and approve the plans for publication.

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