

TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

Item No 9

MEETING: 17 JULY 2017

SUBJECT: STRATEGIC COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN 2017-20

**JOINT REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER/CHIEF EXECUTIVE (THE CLERK
TO THE AUTHORITY) THE STRATEGIC FINANCE MANAGER AND THE
PERSONNEL ADVISOR TO THE AUTHORITY**

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This paper outlines in draft the Strategic Community Safety Plan 2017 – 2020 (SCSP) which incorporates the Integrated Risk Management Plan. The paper provides explanatory details for all sections for review and approval by Fire Authority members.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A new strategic plan is developed every 3 years. It is periodically refreshed and republished as required. If approved the SCSP will be published in June 2017. Publication will be via the external website and the intranet.

3 THE STRATEGIC COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN

- 3.1 The content detailed within the plan has been specifically developed to deliver our four aspirational goals. These are:
- To prevent loss of life and injury from fire and other emergencies and promote community wellbeing
 - To respond appropriately to the risk
 - To plan and prepare for exceptional events
 - To deliver a modern, effective Service ensuring Value for Money with staff who reflect the communities we serve.
- 3.2 For performance management purposes these goals are sub-divided into six high level priorities, each with specific strategies underpinned by physical programmes with responsibility for delivery, for which targets can be set and monitored.

- 3.3 Evolved organisational priorities are being proposed which reflect the new national focus and local Service and community priorities. The table below sets out the proposed changes Members are being asked to approve.

Previous 2015 – 2018 Priority	New 2017 – 2020 Priorities
Priority 1 – Reduce the occurrence of all incidents attended and their consequences	Priority 1 remains unchanged
Priority 2 – Work with partners to promote community safety, social responsibility and inclusion.	Priority 2 – Work collaboratively with partners to promote community safety, health and wellbeing, social responsibility and inclusion
Priority 3 – Plan and deliver resources as determined by risk	Priority 3 - Use our resources economically, efficiently and effectively by focussing on areas of greatest risk and minimising impact on the environment
Priority 4 – Work with relevant partner agencies to develop and resource effective emergency plans	Priority 4 – Collaborate with partner agencies to develop and resource effective emergency plans, inform response arrangements and ensure we are a resilient Service
Priority 5 – provide a trained and competent workforce that reflects the communities we serve	A single merged Priority 5 – provide a highly skilled, healthy, motivated workforce, embracing equality, diversity and inclusion to best serve our communities.
Priority 6 – provide efficient and effective services to meet the needs of our diverse communities whilst minimising negative impacts on the environment	

- 3.4 Annual plans will support the delivery of our strategies but do not form part of the SCSP. The Level 3 Annual Plans are developed annually.

- 3.5 Members are requested to approve the new SCSP attached at annex A. The following table lists the sections in the SCSP and provides outline details as to the content of each section:

Section	Content
Foreword	A joint foreword by the Chairman of the Authority and the Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive of the Service.
About us	<p>An overview of our current vision, mission statements and goals, corporate values and governance arrangements, it also introduces our:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) • Strategic Planning Process • Tyne and Wear Area Profile
Our Strategy	<p>Information provided in this section introduces our current Governance arrangements, it also highlights our Organisational Strategy including our</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisational Development Strategy, • Medium Term Financial Strategy, and • Community Safety Strategy <p>In order to provide an efficient and effective service to the communities we serve, we closely monitor our performance and budget, this section also details delivering Value for Money.</p>
Our Performance	This section provides an overview of our key performance and details our achievements including any awards achieved following external scrutiny.

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Integrated Risk Management Plan	<p>As detailed in the SCSP, our priorities are influenced by our community risks, the IRMP, the Fire and Rescue Service National Framework and Central Government.</p> <p>This section includes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the risks experienced by our communities, • how our prevention, protection, response and resilience work helps reduce the risks within our communities, and • the IRMP reviews we are leading to improve services for our community
Continuous Improvement	<p>The Plan sets out how we will deliver our vision to create the safest Community. In addition to the improvements driven through the IRMP, we are keen to continuously improve services. The areas identified below are key themes in this journey.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved collaboration • Fire Service Reform • Developing a more inclusive workforce • Improving operational communications as part of a nationally driven programme • Being prepared for the heightened threats of terrorism, and • Supporting improved health and wellbeing in our community.

4 PLAN DISTRIBUTION

- 4.1 Guidance recognises that the principal audiences for the Plan are likely to be Members, staff, partners, the public, stakeholders with an interest in our activities, regulatory bodies and central Government.
- 4.2 As a consequence, the SCSP will be made available to all staff and Members. In addition it will also be made accessible to the public and other stakeholders who may have an interest in its contents. The main means of access will be via our website.
- 4.3 In practical terms therefore, following approval of the SCSP, the document will be available on our website (www.twfire.gov.uk) in June 2017.

5 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 This SCSP continues to incorporate the IRMP and effectively link the business and budget planning processes. It also provides a framework for FA to ensure that it continues to deliver its services in an efficient and effective manner.

6 LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 No additional implications are envisaged.

7 LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 No additional learning and development implications are envisaged.

8 ICT IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no ICT implications.

9 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 No financial implications are envisaged as the plan is designed in house and published electronically.

10 RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 There are no Risk Management implications.

11 EQUALITY AND FAIRNESS IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 Equality and diversity issues have been considered as part of the Equality Impact Assessment process for the policy document. The Plan can be made available in alternative formats and languages upon request.

12 HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 No additional implications are envisaged.

13 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 13.1 Members are requested to:
- Consider the contents of SCSP 2017 - 2020 at Appendix A
 - Approve the SCSP for 2017 – 2020
 - Approve the new Strategic Priorities set out in paragraph 3.3 above.

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