

**MEETING: 11 SEPTEMBER 2017**

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**SUBJECT: DRAFT COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY 2017-20**

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

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## **1 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This report provides members with the proposed draft of the community safety strategy 2107-2020 ("the strategy") for consultation comment and seeks approval to commence wider consultation with partners and key stakeholders.

## **2 BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The Strategic Community Safety Plan (SCSP) sets out the Authority's commitment to our communities; the strategy underpins the SCSP, sitting alongside the organisational development and medium-term financial strategies to form the overarching strands of the strategic planning framework. Together these strategies support community, personal and organisational performance, as well as ensuring value for money and good governance. The underpinning policies, procedures and action plans provide the appropriate framework and guidance to support the delivery of the Authority's commitments to the communities of Tyne and Wear.

## **3 THE COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY 2017-2020**

- 3.1 Creating the safest community through our shared mission 'to save life, reduce risk, provide humanitarian services and protect the environment' is the primary focus for Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS). The world in which we operate is rapidly changing. We are facing changes in the economy, in society, in the environment and technology that will require a robust and adaptive approach to delivering a modern emergency service.
- 3.2 As a public service, it is essential that communities are clear about how we aim to enhance community safety and improve firefighter safety. Alongside our organisational development and medium-term financial strategies, the strategy forms the basis of our strategic approach.
- 3.3 The strategy sits at the core of our mission to meet future challenges and will:
- 3.3.1 Continuously develop our prevention, protection, response and resilience approaches to ensure our resources are targeted at reducing risk;

- 3.3.2 Ensure our staff are provided with the most appropriate skills and equipment making them amongst the most effective and safest in the country;
- 3.3.3 Drive improved community safety outcomes for the people of Tyne and Wear with a focus on the diverse make-up of those communities ensuring our services are some of the most inclusive available;
- 3.4 The strategy sets outcomes that ensure we understand what success will look like, focusing on three priorities to help deliver these outcomes:
  - 3.4.1 Keeping people safe at home;
  - 3.4.2 Keeping people safe at work and in public places;
  - 3.4.3 Keeping people safe when they visit Tyne and Wear.
- 3.5 The strategy contains key areas of prevention, protection, response and resilience and we have developed a unique profile of our communities that supports the delivery of the strategy.

## **4 NEXT STEPS**

- 4.1 The next stage in the development of the strategy is to release the draft version for further consultation prior to final production and release. The consultation group will include internal and external stakeholders such as our workforce, delivery partners and community groups.
- 4.2 The results and feedback from the consultation will be included in the final version presented to members for approval.
- 4.3 Heads of departments, working with their teams, will further streamline departmental policy to remove duplication, encourage leadership and innovation, promote collaborative working and strive for continuous improvement, in keeping with the ethos of the revised strategic planning process.

## **5 RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 5.1 By considering and setting out clear organisational strategies in line with the Authority's strategic planning framework the Authority are demonstrating a strong commitment to effective corporate governance. The development and implementation of these strategies helps to mitigate the potential risks of not undertaking appropriate future planning.

## **6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 There are no financial implications in respect of this report.

## **7 EQUALITY AND FAIRNESS IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 There are no equality and fairness implications in respect of this report.

## **8 HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 There are no health and safety implications in respect of this report.

## **9 RECOMMENDATIONS**

9.1 The Authority is recommended to:

- a) Endorse the contents of this report;
- b) Note the content of the draft community safety strategy;
- c) Approve the release the draft strategy for consultation with partners and key stakeholders;
- d) Receive further reports as appropriate.

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## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

The under mentioned Background Papers refer to the subject matter of the above report:

Draft Community Safety Strategy 2017-2020

