

TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

Item No 6

MEETING: 10 September 2018

SUBJECT: STRATEGIC COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN 2017–2020 REFRESH 2018

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

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Strategic Community Safety Plan (SCSP) incorporating the IRMP is our highest-level strategic plan for the Authority. This plan constantly review throughout the year and refreshed or reissued when required.
- 1.2 Following the appointment of the new Fire Authority Chair, significant events such as Grenfell and the terrorist attack at Manchester Arena, and the introduction of the new FRS National Framework, it was felt an appropriate time to refresh our SCSP 2017 - 2020.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Our SCSP 2017 - 2020 sits at the heart of our strategic planning framework. It drives everything that we do and informs the public and stakeholders how we focus our efforts and resources on the things that are important to our community.
- 2.2 Our Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) is incorporated into our SCSP 2017 - 2020. Following a full assessment of the risks faced by our community and our Service, the SCSP 2017 - 2020 drives our organisational activities, balancing risk and resources, to provide a highly effective Fire and Rescue Service.
- 2.3 Our three high-level strategies, the Community Safety, Organisational Development and Medium Term Financial Strategies all fall into the same three year planning cycle of the SCSP 2017 - 2020. It is considered appropriate, taking into account the suggested changes, to retain the SCSP 2017 - 2020, and incorporated IRMP, existing three year period.
- 2.4 The first year of our SCSP 2017 - 2020 saw us make some significant investments in our Service, reconfigure elements of the Service to make significant savings and provide reassurance and support to communities following the tragic events at Grenfell. Whilst we continue to deliver the SCSP 2017 - 2020, this refresh ensures that we keep stay abreast of recent events

and ensure the learning stays at the heart of how we plan the Service for the future.

3 SCSP 2017 - 2020 REFRESH CHANGES

- 3.1 The SCSP 2017 - 2020 has been reviewed to reflect the appointment and views of the new Fire Authority Chair.
- 3.2 The refresh recognises the major national incidents that have occurred in our sector. This plan addresses the influence we will have in how the fire service nationally, responds to those incidents and the lessons we will learn from various national reviews and inquiries such as Grenfell and Kerslake. It is important that as a Service we remain prepared for any incident that may occur within our communities and be ready to support incidents in other areas throughout the UK.
- 3.3 The new Fire and Rescue National Framework issued by the Home Office in 2018 is also reflected in the changes.
- 3.4 All performance data and the accreditations have been refreshed where appropriate and key items such as ESMCP, Supporting Health and Wellbeing and our work with NEAS have been updated to include recent developments.
- 3.5 Imagery in the plan has been updated to remove those that have left or retired, and has been generally refreshed to reflect more current activity.
- 3.6 Following feedback on the SCSP by members, updates to the Community Safety Strategy and Organisational Development Strategy will be prepared and tabled at a future meeting.
- 3.7 The SCSP 2017 – 2020, Refresh 2018 is attached at Appendix A.

4 CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Consultation with the public demonstrates that they rate our services highly. Around 70% of people who responded viewed our services as excellent and around 80% value our staff as excellent. This corresponds with feedback received from the public on other consultation activity.
- 4.2 Comments received included “The staff who work for you are some of the best people I’ve met. All are very positive and very helpful”, “They are courteous, professional and go out of their way to help you” and “Really friendly and polite, nothing is too much to ask.
- 4.3 In 2017, our partners were consulted in the development our Community Safety Strategy 2017 - 2020. The Community Safety Strategy sets the direction for the frontline services that partners and the public experience. The feedback

received from partners was taken into account in developing the Community Safety Strategy.

- 4.4 These partners' comments were reviewed in the refresh of the SCSP 2017 - 2020. No further changes are needed.

5 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 5.1 As a public document and one that is an important tool to communicate with the public, staff and stakeholders, it is important that it addresses public expectations and focusses our activity on the things that are important. By integrating the IRMP, having a strong performance framework, engaging with the public and our staff, we are confident that these issues are addressed.

6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no resource implications of this report or in the changes proposed to the SCSP 2017 - 2020. The SCSP 2017 - 2020 will be published on the website in an electronic format. All changes reflected in the plan are addressed in our Medium Term Financial Strategy to ensure the SCSP 2017 - 2020 is appropriately resourced.

7 EQUALITY AND FAIRNESS IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The Inclusive Service strand of our continuous improvement work keeps inclusion at the heart of everything we do both in improving the diversity of our workforce and in shaping the services we provide. This is embedded within the SCSP.

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) Approve the Strategic Community Safety Plan 2017–2020 Refresh 2018
 - b) Receive further reports as appropriate.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

There are no background papers.

