



TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

Item No. 11

MEETING: FIRE AUTHORITY 13 DECEMBER 2021

SUBJECT: IRMP 2021-2024 CONSOLIDATED DOCUMENT

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

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This paper presents the Service's consolidated Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) 2021-2024 for the Authority's awareness.
- 1.2 Following approval by Fire Authority Members at their meeting on 11th October 2021, of the proposed IRMP actions for 2021-24, a consolidated document incorporating these actions has been produced for publication. The IRMP 2021-24 document is presented at Appendix A. The consolidated IRMP document brings together the IRMP actions agreed by the Fire Authority and the operating context within which these will be delivered.
- 1.3 The IRMP consolidated document has been presented to Governance Committee for awareness prior to submission to the full Fire Authority for awareness.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 As reported at the October 2021 meeting of the Fire Authority, the Authority is required, as set out in the Fire and Rescue National Framework for England 2018, to produce an IRMP covering at least a three year period. This IRMP must be easily accessible and publicly available.
- 2.2 At the October 2021 meeting, four proposed IRMP actions for 2021-24 were approved following a period of formal consultation and subsequent amendment. This approval enabled the design and production of the IRMP 2021-24 consolidated document for publication.
- 2.3 A copy of the consolidated IRMP document was provided to Fire Authority members informally and is now being formalised through the Governance Committee and Fire Authority to ensure that there is good governance surrounding its publication.

3 KEY POINTS FOR INFORMATION

3.1 The IRMP 2021-24 consolidated document presented to Members:

- Provides information on what an IRMP is and does, to support public understanding;
- Provides a signposts to the Service's Community Risk Profile – the comprehensive range of information used to inform community risk management and the development of corporate strategy and the IRMP;
- Demonstrates how prevention, protection, response, and resilience activities will best be used to prevent fires and other incidents, and mitigate the impact of identified risks on its communities;
- Outlines the allocation of resources for the mitigation of risks;
- Sets out the high level management strategy to ensure the provisions of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 are met, and recommendations of the Grenfell Tower Enquiry are implemented;
- Presents the four actions as approved by Authority following the period of formal consultation with partners, the public, representative bodies and staff.

3.2 One of the key outcomes of the 'State of Fire and Rescue: The Annual Assessment of Fire and Rescue Services in England 2020' Report was to establish a programme of work to result in consistency with how FRS' identify and determine risk as part of the IRMP process. On 18 May 2021, the new Fire Standard on Community Risk Management Planning was issued, with Fire and Rescue Services having 18 months to implement the standard.

3.3 Planning is already underway to evolve the IRMP document into a Community Risk Management Plan, (CRMP) which will combine the Service's current Community Risk Profile, IRMP, and Community Safety Plan documentation. This new approach, aligned to the new Fire Standard, will be implemented within the required timescale.

4 SUMMARY

4.1 The IRMP 2021-2024 document has been designed and produced following approval from Members to proceed with four key actions that required Fire Authority approval.

4.2 The IRMP 2021-24 document presents the Authority's approach to community risk management planning, signposting to key sources of risk management information.

4.3 Whilst the Authority's current approach already aligns to the requirements of the new Community Risk Management Fire Standard, the end product (the published corporate document) will be evolved over the coming months to become a 'Community Risk Management Plan.

5 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 5.1 All risk considerations relating to IRMP were incorporated in the proposals subsequently approved by Fire Authority. No new significant risks or issues have emerged as a result of the design of the IRMP 2021-24 document.

6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no financial implications of the production and publication of the IRMP 2021-24 document.

7 EQUALITY AND FAIRNESS IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 An Equality Impact Assessment identified no new equality and fairness implications, as a result of the publication of the IRMP. As with all corporate documentation, the IRMP 2021-24 document will be made available in alternative formats or languages if requested.

8 HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no additional or significant health and safety implications in respect of this report.

9 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 The Fire Authority is recommended to:
- a) Note the publication of the consolidated IRMP 2021-24 document.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

None

