

**TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

**Item No 7**

**MEETING: 16 SEPTEMBER 2019**

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**SUBJECT: IRMP REVIEW OF RESPONSE UPDATE**

**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**

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**1 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This report provides an update for members on the implementation to date of the 2017-2020 IRMP Response Review action to crew all pumping appliances (pumps) with four staff.

**2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The IRMP process is the vehicle the Service uses to make significant changes to its shape, ensuring that functions are planned, designed, and delivered in a way that balances available resources and community risk. This is a national process required under the Fire and Rescue National Framework.
- 2.2 Since 2010, our IRMP actions have been developed against a background of significant reductions in the budget available to the Authority as a result of changes in Government spending.
- 2.3 At the meeting on 12 December 2017 (min 61/17 refers), members approved the implementation of a crewing level of four on all pumps, bringing all single-pump stations in line with the rest of the fleet. Agreed implementation was at four stations (Wallsend, Marley Park, Hebburn and Birtley) from 1 January 2018, followed by the remaining five stations (West Denton, Newcastle Central, Rainton Bridge, Sunderland Central and Swalwell) dependent upon overall staffing availability and with full effect from 1 June 2018.
- 2.4 At the meeting on 19 March 2018 (min 45/18 refers), an update was provided to members on implementation at the first four stations (Wallsend, Marley Park, Hebburn and Birtley) where there were no performance or health and safety issues reported that were directly attributable to the implementation of this action.

**3 IMPACT ON ATTENDANCES**

- 3.1 During the ten-month period from 1 June 2018 to 31 March 2019, appliances at West Denton (A01), Newcastle Central (C01), Wallsend (G01), Rainton Bridge (H01), Marley Park (M01), Sunderland Central (N01), Hebburn (T01), Birtley (W01) and Swalwell (Y01) have attended 7814 incidents.

- 3.2 Table 1 below sets out a breakdown of the incidents by station and risk level, with risk level one being the highest and four the lowest.

Incidents attended between 01/06/2018 and 31/03/2019					
Callsign	Risk Levels				Total
	1	2	3	4	
A01	212	111	291	244	858
C01	647	208	759	242	1856
G01	269	84	282	156	791
H01	91	54	130	161	436
M01	226	86	315	153	780
N01	328	134	461	208	1131
T01	301	83	223	145	752
W01	130	55	181	86	452
Y01	240	82	236	200	758
<b>Total</b>	<b>2444</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>2878</b>	<b>1595</b>	<b>7814</b>

*Table 1 – Incidents attended by risk level*

- 3.3 Based upon the evidence gathered during the implementation period the action taken in reducing the crewing on appliances has had no directly attributable impact on the speed and weight of response to these incidents.
- 3.4 Over the same period, there were no performance or health and safety issues reported that were directly attributable to the implementation of this action.

## 4 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 A risk assessment has been undertaken to ensure that the risk to the Authority has been minimised as far as practicable.
- 4.2 Detailed task analysis was carried out when developing the proposal to implement this action. That analysis has been regularly reviewed during the implementation process.
- 4.3 Members are advised that operational performance continues to be kept under constant scrutiny through a robust performance and review process. Any issues raised or observed are thoroughly examined and corrective action undertaken. This is a fundamental part of the Service's commitment to continuous improvement, firefighter and community safety.

## 5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

## 6 EQUALITY AND FAIRNESS IMPLICATIONS

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

## **7 HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 Officers continue to monitor the implementation through robust procedures, near miss and accident reporting. To date no near misses or causes for concern have been raised through these processes. There are no additional health and safety concerns as a result of this report.

## **8 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 The Authority is recommended to:
- a) Endorse the contents of this report
  - b) Receive further reports as appropriate.

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