

TYNE & WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

Item 4

MEETING: 14 DECEMBER 2020

SUBJECT: TWFRS STRATEGIC COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN 2020-21

**REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE (CLERK TO THE
AUTHORITY)**

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service's corporate plan: the Strategic Community Safety Plan (refreshed for 2020-21) to Members and request approval to publish. This is an interim corporate plan, with the intention to carry out a full review and produce a five year plan for 2020-25 by April 2021.
- 1.2 The extant SCSP 2017-20 expired in March 2020. TWFRS Executive Leadership Team approved a light touch refresh of the document for 2020-21, in light of the challenges and pressures presented by the COVID-19 situation. A full review of the plan, including vision, mission and corporate objectives, has now commenced, with the aim of producing a five year corporate plan that reflects current and future needs of the Service.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service's (TWFRS) corporate plan, at present named the 'Strategic Community Safety Plan' (SCSP), is currently a three year plan which is subject to an annual refresh when required.
- 2.2 TWFRS' Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) is incorporated into the SCSP. Following a full assessment of the risks faced by our community and our Service, the IRMP drives our organisational activities, balancing risk and resources, to provide a highly effective Fire and Rescue Service.
- 2.3 Over the next five years we anticipate that change across the Fire and Rescue Sector will continue, and most likely accelerate, with strategic drivers and events contributing towards the pace and extent of change will require TWFRS to remain relevant and continue to add value for money. Therefore the 2020-25 plan will incorporate the new IRMP actions for 2020-25, and represent the priorities of 'TWFRS 2025' – the Services transformational change programme.

3 REFRESHED SCSP 2020-21

3.1 The refreshed (interim) SCSP 2020-21 includes the following updates:

- New Chair of the Fire Authority reflected in the document.
- Reference to the Service's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Reference to major national incidents that have occurred in the fire sector in recent years, and how TWFRS will influence national and local response to those incidents, including national reviews and inquiries.
- The outcome of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) inspection of TWFRS in 2018/19.
- Performance data and the accreditations have been refreshed and updates on key activities such as projects and collaborations collaboration.

3.2 Imagery in the plan has been updated to reflect current activity and changes to personnel.

3.3 The Interim SCSP 2020-21 is attached at Appendix A.

4 CONSULTATION

4.1 Due to the resource required to support the COVID-19 response throughout 2020, the interim SCSP 2020-21 has been consulted on internally. Development of the Service's five year corporate plan for 2020-25 is already underway and full, comprehensive internal and external consultation with all stakeholders will be undertaken as part of its development.

5 RISK MANAGEMENT

5.1 The SCSP 2020-21 is informed by a range of risk data and intelligence, including the Community Risk Profile and Corporate Risk Profile. As a public facing document and an important communication tool, the incorporation of the IRMP into the SCSP 2020-21 helps present the Service's approach to managing risk.

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 implications associated with 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 It is recommended Members approve the Strategic Community Safety Plan 2020-21 for publication.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

The Interim SCSP 2020-21 can be found at Appendix A for reference.

