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**To: The Chair and Members of the
Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue
Authority**

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DEVON & SOMERSET FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY
(Extraordinary Meeting)

Friday 18 January 2013

An Extraordinary Meeting of the Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority will be held on the above date, **commencing at 10:00 hours in the Conference Rooms in Somerset House, Service Headquarters** to consider the following matters.

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AGENDA

PLEASE REFER TO THE NOTES AT THE END OF THE AGENDA LISTING SHEETS

1. Apologies

2. Items Requiring Urgent Attention

Items which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be considered at the meeting as matters of urgency.

PART 1 – OPEN COMMITTEE

3. Questions and Petitions by the Public

In accordance with Standing Orders, to consider any questions and petitions submitted by the public. Questions must relate to matters to be considered at this meeting of the Authority. Petitions must relate to matters for which the Authority has a responsibility or which affects the Authority. Neither questions nor petitions may require the disclosure of confidential or exempt information. Questions and petitions must be submitted in writing or by e-mail to the Clerk to the Authority **by midday on Tuesday 15 January 2013.**

4. **Addresses by Representative Bodies**

To receive addresses from representative bodies requested and approved in accordance with Standing Orders.

5. **Questions by Members of the Authority**

To receive and answer any questions submitted in accordance with Standing Orders.

6. **Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority Draft Corporate Plan 2013/14 to 2014/15**

Report of the Chief Fire Officer (DSFRA/13/01) attached (page 1).

PART 2 – ITEMS WHICH MAY BE TAKEN IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Nil

MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO SIGN THE ATTENDANCE REGISTER

Membership:-

Councillors Healey(Chair), Gribble (Vice Chair), Bakewell MBE, Bown, Brooksbank, Burrige-Clayton, Mrs. Chugg, Dyke, Eastman, Foggin, Fry, Gordon, Horsfall, Hughes OBE, Knight, Leaves, Mills, Radford, Randall Johnson, D Smith , J Smith, Way, Woodman and Yeomans

NOTES	
1.	<p><u>Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (Authority Members only)</u></p> <p>If you have any disclosable pecuniary interests (as defined by Regulations) in any item(s) to be considered at this meeting then, unless you have previously obtained a dispensation from the Authority's Monitoring Officer, you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) disclose any such interest at the time of commencement of consideration of the item in which you have the interest or, if later, as soon as it becomes apparent to you that you have such an interest; (b) leave the meeting room during consideration of the item in which you have such an interest, taking no part in any discussion or decision thereon; and (c) not seek to influence improperly any decision on the matter in which you have such an interest. <p>If the interest is sensitive (as agreed with the Monitoring Officer), you need not disclose the nature of the interest but merely that you have a disclosable pecuniary interest of a sensitive nature. You must still follow (b) and (c) above.</p>
2.	<p><u>Part 2 Reports</u></p> <p>Members are reminded that any Part 2 reports as circulated with the agenda for this meeting contain exempt information and should therefore be treated accordingly. They should not be disclosed or passed on to any other person(s). Members are also reminded of the need to dispose of such reports carefully and are therefore invited to return them to the Committee Secretary at the conclusion of the meeting for disposal.</p>
3.	<p><u>Substitute Members (Committee Meetings only)</u></p> <p>Members are reminded that, in accordance with Standing Order 35, the Clerk (or his representative) must be advised of any substitution prior to the start of the meeting. Members are also reminded that substitutions are not permitted for full Authority meetings.</p>
4.	<p><u>Access to Information</u></p> <p>Any person wishing to inspect any minutes, reports or lists of background papers relating to any item on this agenda should contact the person listed in the "Please ask for" section at the top of this agenda.</p>



DEVON & SOMERSET FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY

REPORT REFERENCE NO.	DSFRA/13/01
MEETING	DEVON & SOMERSET FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY (EXTRAORDINARY MEETING)
DATE OF MEETING	18 JANUARY 2012
SUBJECT OF REPORT	DEVON & SOMERSET FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY DRAFT CORPORATE PLAN 2013/14 TO 2014/15
LEAD OFFICER	Chief Fire Officer
RECOMMENDATIONS	<p>(a) <i>that, subject to any amendments that may be indicated at the meeting, the Draft Corporate Plan 2013/14 to 2014/15, as enclosed with the agenda for this meeting, be approved for consultation purposes;</i></p> <p>(b) <i>that the associated engagement plan for consultation be approved including a 12 week consultation period to commence on Monday, 28 January 2013 and close on Sunday 22 April 2013;</i></p> <p>(c) <i>that the outcome of the consultation period, together with appropriate recommendations be submitted to a full Authority meeting to be scheduled for after its Annual Meeting in 2013.</i></p>
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	<p>This report presents the Draft Corporate Plan 2013/14 to 2014/15. The two year plan presents a new, long-term, way of working that referred to by the Service as the 'integrated approach', and how the steps to achieve this will work to address the government budget reductions.</p> <p>The Service believes that the proposals as outlined balance the need to make significant savings whilst maintaining or improving both firefighter and public safety at the same time. Fires have fallen by almost 50% in the last 10 years whilst Service resourcing has remained essentially the same. The Service is no longer able to operate as it currently does given the reduced financial settlement.</p>

	Alternative options could be to close fire stations and make staff redundant or increase council tax (which would equate to a 24% increase). Instead, the Service plans to change the way it operates, crewing some vehicles differently as well as investing in additional prevention activity.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	The costs associated with the required consultation exercise will be met from existing resources.
EQUALITY RISKS AND BENEFITS ANALYSIS	Equality Risks and Benefits Analyses have been completed on the key proposed changes. Copies of the analyses are provided with this report.
APPENDICES	<p>A. Draft Corporate Plan 2013/14 to 2014/15 (enclosed with this agenda and page numbered separately).</p> <p>B. Equality Risks and Benefits Analyses relating to each of the key proposals in the Draft Corporate Plan 2013/14 to 2014/15 (appended to this report and commencing at page 5)</p>
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS	None.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Authority is considering this Draft Corporate Plan later than would normally be the case. The reason for this is that the announcement of the Government Grant, which comprises approximately 40% of the Service budget, was delayed until 19 December 2012. It is important that the Authority has time to consider its plans in light of the budget announcement so that there is opportunity to adjust its response.
- 1.2 On 19 December 2012 it was announced that the Government Grant received by the Authority will be reduced by 10.3% in 2013/14 and a further 7.3% in 2014/15. These changes, by themselves, equate to a reduction in funding of £5.5m.
- 1.3 Since the budget reductions announced by the Government apply for the next two years, the duration of the plan is for two years. There is an expectation that there will be further budget reductions beyond the next two years and we will continue to plan against this outlook. Consequently, this draft Plan includes proposals to gain further savings from internal efficiencies as well as changes to the way services are delivered to the public.

2. DRAFT CORPORATE PLAN 2013/14 TO 2014/15

- 2.1 The Draft Corporate Plan incorporates the requirement to produce a publicly available Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP).
- 2.2 The draft plan has been developed using the principles of integrated risk management planning and also incorporates the Service's aspirations to move towards organisational excellence. The aim is to continue to improve the Service within the financial constraints required over the next two years.
- 2.3 The content of the Draft Corporate Plan 2013/14 to 2014/15, referred to as Appendix A to this report but enclosed and page numbered separately with the agenda for the meeting, is therefore constructed around delivering improvement whilst remaining focused on achieving the savings required.
- 2.4 Its structure is based on the three strategic principles established in the Service organisational strategy 'Towards 2014'.
- 2.5 The previous Corporate Plan was not printed so as to contribute towards our budget savings target. This approach will continue this year and the plan will be available electronically through the internet and intranet.

3. CONSULTATION PLAN

- 3.1 The focus of consultation for the Draft Corporate Plan 2013/14 to 2014/15 is around a new model of working referred to by the Service as the 'integrated approach', together with a range of specific proposals supporting the new way of working. It should be noted that significant financial savings have already been realised from back office and senior/middle management staff in addition to non-operational spend. Further savings will be delivered in these areas over the next two years.
- 3.2 The specific proposals on which the Service is particularly interested in gaining the views of external stakeholders are the following changes to service delivery:
- Change the crewing of three fire engines in Plymouth to 'on call'
 - Crew the aerial ladder platform at Crownhill fire station in Plymouth with 'on call' staff
 - Change the crewing arrangements of the second fire appliance at Taunton from wholetime to 'on call'

- Change the crewing arrangements of the second fire appliance at Torquay from wholetime to 'on call'
- Change the crewing arrangement of the day crewed (wholtime day time only) fire engine at Ilfracombe to 'on call'.

3.3 Opportunities to be involved in the consultation process will include both quantitative and qualitative methods such as a survey and discussion groups. Some of the proposals in the plan have been the subject of previous Corporate Plan public consultations. Where this is the case, the Service does not propose to re-consult unnecessarily (which would incur increased costs).

3.4 In addition to the 'integrated approach' concept and the specific proposals above, stakeholders will have an open invitation to comment on the whole of the Draft Corporate Plan. Stakeholders targeted for their views will include:

Members of the public	Businesses
Staff	Strategic partnerships
Members of Parliament	Representative bodies
Members of European Parliament	Minority and community groups
Local Authority Leaders and Chief Executives	Professional bodies e.g. CFOA, ACPO, IFE
Parish and Town Councils	Other emergency services

3.5 The draft plan will be promoted to raise general public awareness through newspaper adverts, the Service website, and the Service Facebook and Twitter social media accounts. Letters and emails will also be sent to raise the awareness of the Service's key external stakeholders.

3.6 Comments will be accepted by email, fax, post and over the telephone to the Consultation Officer. The Service's Facebook and Twitter social media accounts will also be monitored for content. Completed questionnaires should be submitted either through the post or online.

3.7 The Draft Corporate Plan and supporting consultation documents, with various accessibility options, will be available through the Service website. This is where the online questionnaire and Equality Risks and Benefits Analyses and other supporting documents will also be found.

3.8 Staff involvement will be concentrated around specific discussion groups held for those proposals where staff are most affected. These meetings will give staff the opportunity to ask questions and give their opinions.

3.9 Subject to the approval of the Draft Corporate Plan 2013/14 to 2014/15, and the associated consultation plan, the consultation period will commence on Monday 28 January 2013 for a twelve week period ending on Sunday 22 April 2013. The results of the consultation will be reported back to a full Authority meeting to be scheduled for after the local authority elections in May 2013.

LEE HOWELL
Chief Fire Officer



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Community and Workplace Equalities (CWE)

(a) Equality impact on employees draft ERBA for public consultation

<p>1. Name of activity:</p>	<p>The proposed changes of; a) one Wholetime crewed fire engine each at Taunton and Torquay to On Call; b) the conversion of Ilfracombe, Plympton and Plymstock to wholly On Call fire stations; c) removing the second Wholetime fire engine from Camelshead but maintaining its specialist rescue capability; d) the introduction of On Call crewing at Crownhill for a second fire engine and the Aerial Ladder Platform (ALP); e) The standardization of watch levels at Yeovil.</p> <p>This ERBA considers potential equalities risks and benefits on the <u>employees.</u></p>
<p>2. Main purpose of activity:</p>	<p>This proposal incorporates changing one standard fire engine at Taunton and Torquay crewed by Wholetime employees to crewing by On Call employees. In addition it is proposed to alter the crewing arrangements at Plympton and Plymstock from Wholetime to On Call and the removal of the Wholetime Dayshift from Ilfracombe creating a full On Call response. A new On Call arrangement is proposed for Crownhill for the crewing of a second fire engine and the Aerial Ladder Platform. Additionally, the Wholetime crewing numbers for the watches at Yeovil will be standardized in line with all other Wholetime watches.</p> <p><u>A key element of the development of these proposals will be to consider how surplus crews are redeployed. There may be risks associated with changes to contracts of employment but these will be considered under a separated ERBA related to contracts.</u></p> <p>The purpose of the activity is to contribute to the Corporate Planning process in order to achieve a balanced budget and improve safety.</p>
<p>2a. Project manager/process owner</p>	<p>Neil Gibbins</p>
<p>2b. Project/process linked to</p>	<p>The Development of the Corporate Plan 2013/14.</p>
<p>3. List the information, data or evidence used in this analysis:</p>	<p>The evidence that we have used has been employee profiles based on all the protected characteristics and provided by the Human Resources department in December 2012.</p> <p>We have considered this evidence and assessed whether the protected characteristic profiles for employees operating from fire stations affected by the proposals are significantly different from the protected characteristic profiles for all Wholetime and Retained employees.</p>

4. Assessment				
Characteristics	Neutral (x)	Negative* (enter score)	Positive (x)	Describe the particular characteristic you are assessing and explain: Negative: What are the risks? Positive: What are the benefits and/or opportunities?
A person of a particular age	X		<input type="checkbox"/>	Having reviewed the age profile of operational employees at the fire stations affected by these proposals, no related risks were identified.



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A disabled person	X		<input type="checkbox"/>	
A person of a particular sex, male or female, including issues around pregnancy and maternity	X		<input type="checkbox"/>	Having reviewed the gender profile of operational employees at the fire stations affected by these proposals, no related risks were identified.
A person of a gay, lesbian or bisexual sexual orientation	X		<input type="checkbox"/>	Having reviewed sexual orientation profile of operational employees at the fire stations affected by these proposals, no related risks were identified.
A person of a particular race	X		<input type="checkbox"/>	Having reviewed the race profile of operational employees at the fire stations affected by these proposals, no related risks were identified.
A person of a particular religion or belief	X		<input type="checkbox"/>	Having reviewed the religion/belief profile of operational employees at the fire stations affected by these proposals, no related risks were identified.
Transgender	X		<input type="checkbox"/>	We have no evidence to suggest that anyone from the Transgender protected group is impacted by these changes.
Community considerations (e.g. applying across communities or associated with socio-economic factors, criminal convictions, rural living or Human Rights)	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

*see EA:RB2 guidance

5. Results			
	Yes	No	
Are there negative scores in Low?	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	If Yes, list any actions required to adjust the activity and any mitigation you will implement in the action plan below in section 6
Were positive impacts identified?	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	If No, Community and Workplace Equalities will contact you about this
Are some people benefiting more than others? If so explain who and why.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	
Are one or more negative scores in Medium or High?	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	If Yes, consult Community and Workplace Equalities (CWE) on further consultation



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6. Consultation, decisions and actions		
If medium or high range results were identified who was consulted and what recommendations were given?		
Describe the decision on this activity		
List all actions identified to address/mitigate negative risk or promote positively		
Action	Responsible person	Completion due date
When, how and by whom will these actions be monitored?		
7. Signatures		
Assessor		
Name: Sheila Meades and Gerald Taylor	Signature**	
Validated by (Line manager)		
Name: Steve West	Signature**	
Forward to CWE		
Equalities team/monitoring group member name:	Michelle Smitham	
Signature** Michelle Smitham	ERBA number: 1062	
Assessment date: 7 January 2013	Review date: In line with the Corporate Plan 2013/14 consultation program.	

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(b) Contract changes draft ERBA for public consultation

1. Name of activity:	To revise the Wholetime and Retained Duty System (RDS) contracts as part of the development process for the Corporate Plan 2013/14.
2. Main purpose of activity:	<p>To develop, consult and implement revised Wholetime and RDS contracts for firefighters, crew and watch managers. The full details of these proposals will be published and consulted upon with employees and relevant representative bodies. This is to be undertaken with the currently stated position of no compulsory redundancies and a range of contract options that include employees maintaining their current work patterns.</p> <p><u>This is an initial ERBA developed during the early stages of the evolution of these proposals. This ERBA will be regularly reviewed as the details of these arrangements are expanded and consulted upon, to ensure that the Service avoids any unlawful discrimination based on protracted characteristics.</u></p> <p>The purpose of the activity is to contribute to the Corporate Planning process in order to achieve a balanced budget and improve safety.</p>
2a. Project manager/process owner	Neil Gibbins
2b. Project/process linked to	The development of the Corporate Plan 2013/14.
3. List the information, data or evidence used in this analysis:	

4. Assessment				
Characteristics	Neutral (x)	Negative* (enter score)	Positive (x)	Describe the particular characteristic you are assessing and explain: Negative: What are the risks? Positive: What are the benefits and/or opportunities?
A person of a particular age	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
A disabled person	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
A person of a particular sex, male or female, including issues around pregnancy and maternity	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
A person of a gay, lesbian or bisexual sexual orientation	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
A person of a particular race	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
A person of a particular religion or belief	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	



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Transgender	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Community considerations (e.g. applying across communities or associated with socio-economic factors, criminal convictions, rural living or Human Rights)	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

*see EA:RB2 guidance

5. Results			
	Yes	No	
Are there negative scores in Low?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If Yes, list any actions required to adjust the activity and any mitigation you will implement in the action plan below in section 6
Were positive impacts identified?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If No, Community and Workplace Equalities will contact you about this
Are some people benefiting more than others? If so explain who and why.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are one or more negative scores in Medium or High?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If Yes, consult Community and Workplace Equalities (CWE) on further consultation

6. Consultation, decisions and actions		
If medium or high range results were identified who was consulted and what recommendations were given?		
Describe the decision on this activity		
List all actions identified to address/mitigate negative risk or promote positively		
Action	Responsible person	Completion due date
When, how and by whom will these actions be monitored?		
7. Signatures		
Assessor		



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Name: Sheila Meades, Steven Pope and Gerald Taylor	Signature**
Validated by (Line manager)	
Name: Steve West	Signature**
Forward to CWE	
Equalities team/monitoring group member name:	
Signature**	ERBA number:
Assessment date:	Review date:

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(c) Updated LRP ERBA

NOTE – The introduction of Light Rescue Pumps (LRP) was consulted on as part of the 2012/12 Corporate Plan consultation and an Equality Risks & Benefits Analysis (ERBA) carried out. This ERBA has been reviewed due to the proposal in the 2013/14 Corporate Plan consultation to introduce LRPs on a wider scale.

Latest comments are shown in italics.

1. Name of activity:	<i>Reviewed December 2012 to reflect the development of the Corporate Plan 2013/14.</i>
2. Main purpose of activity:	<i>The proposal is to introduce these vehicles on a wider scale and consider them as the standard DSFRS fire engine.</i>
2a. Project manager/process owner	<i>Neil Gibbins</i>
2b. Project/process linked to	<i>Corporate Plan 2013/14</i>
3. List the information, data or evidence used in this analysis:	<i>Iveco LRP Pilot Report</i>

4. Assessment				
Characteristics	Neutral (x)	Negative* (enter score)	Positive (x)	Describe the particular characteristic you are assessing and explain: Negative: What are the risks? Positive: What are the benefits and/or opportunities?
Community considerations (e.g. applying across communities or associated with socio-economic factors, criminal convictions, rural living or Human Rights)	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>December 2012</i> <i>A report was produced on the pilot at Crediton (see report)</i> <i>Based on the evidence and the changed economic conditions the proposal is to introduce the LRP as the standard DSFRS fire engine through a full procurement process.</i> <i>Following further analysis it has been</i>



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				<p><i>established that the improved flexibility and maneuverability will improve response times and therefore mean that fires will be less developed consequently reducing the risk to life (employees and community) and property.</i></p> <p><i>An advantage identified during the Crediton trial was that the smaller size gave better access to properties in rural areas.</i></p> <p><i>There is a further trial currently being undertaken of a different design of LRP at Greenbank fire station in Plymouth.</i></p> <p><i>It should be noted that this project is the subject of a procurement program and the final design of the vehicle is likely to differ from that used in the Crediton trial.</i></p>
A person living with a disability	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
A person of a particular race	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
A person of a gay, lesbian or bisexual sexual orientation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
A person of a particular sex, male or female, including issues around pregnancy and maternity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		X	<i>The smaller proportions of the fire engine give easier access to more people (male and female).</i>
A person of a particular religion or belief	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
A person of a particular age	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Transgender	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

*see EA:RB2 guidance

5. Results			
	Yes	No	
Are there negative scores in Low or Medium range?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If Yes, list any actions required to adjust the activity



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			and any mitigation you will implement in the action plan below in section 6
Were positive impacts identified?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If No, Community and Workplace Equalities will contact you about this
Are some people benefiting more than others? If so explain who and why.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Are one or more negative scores in High or Very High range?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If Yes, consult Community and Workplace Equalities (CWE) on further consultation

6. Consultation, decisions and actions		
If High or very high range results were identified who was consulted and what recommendations were given?		
Describe the decision on this activity		
List all actions identified to address/mitigate negative impact or promote positively		
Action	Responsible person	Completion due date
When, how and by whom will these actions be monitored?		
7. Signatures		
Assessor		
Name: <i>Gerald Taylor and Sheila Meades</i>	Signature**	
Validated by (Line manager)		
Name: <i>Steve West</i>	Signature**	
Forward to CWE eira@dsfire.gov.uk		
Equalities team/monitoring group member name:	<i>Michelle Smitham</i>	
Signature** <i>Michelle Smitham1068</i>		
Assessment date: 7 January 2013	Review date: <i>in line with the development process of the Corporate Plan 2013/14</i>	



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(d) Ilfracombe Community Draft ERBA for public consultation

1. Name of activity:	The proposal to change <u>Ilfracombe</u> to an On Call Fire Station. This ERBA considers the potential risks and benefits for the <u>local community</u> .
2. Main purpose of activity:	<p>A proposal to withdraw the Wholetime crewing of the daytime cover at Ilfracombe fire station, and implement a 24 hour On Call response.</p> <p>The purpose of the activity is to contribute to the Corporate Planning process in order to achieve a balanced budget and improve safety.</p>
2a. Project manager/process owner	Neil Gibbins
2b. Project/process linked to	Development of Corporate Plan 2013/14
3. List the information, data or evidence used in this analysis:	<p>Ilfracombe, relative to other fire stations, both Wholetime and Retained, has a low number of incidents and this has led to this proposal. For example, there were 18 primary fires in 2010/11 in Ilfracombe during daytime hours.</p> <p>Detailed geographical and statistical mapping of response times for the area have demonstrated that, under the proposals, there will be a delay in how quickly the first fire engine arrives at an incident of approximately 4 minutes during daytime hours, but no change at night. The evidence shows we do have an increased number of dwellings (35%) in Ilfracombe that may receive a response outside of our Emergency Response Standard of ten minutes for the first fire engine to arrive during daytime hours. This is due to the increased time difference between mobilising a Wholetime fire engine and an On Call response.</p> <p>The Service has used this data to develop the level of mitigation required through focused fire prevention and protection activities and through investment in Light Rapid Pump (LRP) fire engines that are quicker to reach incidents. The introduction of the LRP as the first responding fire engine in Ilfracombe with an On Call response would reduce the number of dwellings that fall outside the current ten minute response time to 7%. We have also used our Mosaic database (community profile data) to identify dwellings within the potentially affected areas of Ilfracombe where there is an increased likelihood that people are at greater risk of fire. This will help us to provide more targeted prevention activities.</p> <p>We have also considered as part of this ERBA those people from the protected groups who are resident at or attend establishments such as care homes, hospitals and schools. The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 compels those people responsible for these types of premise to have assessed all risk and put in place the relevant controls regardless of fire service response. DSFRS is the regulatory authority for this legislation in Devon, Somerset, Plymouth and Torbay and, integral to the changes we are making, our enforcement officer teams are being enhanced.</p> <p>We are also reorganising our data management team to improve the way we analyse information regarding the level of risk presented by such premises and will therefore be able to provide a far more effective level of enforcement of the Fire Safety Order than currently provided for these protected groups in these types of establishments.</p>



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	<p>In assessing the likelihood of risk for protected characteristics we have referred to detailed information on fire incidents in Ilfracombe from 2009 to 2012 involving the rescue of one or more people.</p> <p>As part of this ERBA, we have also used the Local Community Plan for information on incidents and areas of risk.</p> <p>We have identified that there are gaps in our data regarding some of the protected groups and have therefore committed to engage with relevant representatives within the potentially affected communities during the consultation process.</p>
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4. Assessment				
Characteristics	Neutral (x)	Negative* (enter score)	Positive (x)	Describe the particular characteristic you are assessing and explain: Negative: What are the risks? Positive: What are the benefits and/or opportunities?
A person of a particular age		1(likelihood) x 5 (impact) = 5 (low risk)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>We have considered the potential risks of the proposals for people of various ages.</p> <p>Due to the typical risks associated with older people involved in incidents (for example, reduced mobility, difficulties in affecting an escape) the risk is slightly increased but has been assessed as low due to the number and nature of fire incidents occurring in Ilfracombe.</p> <p>The planned increase in prevention work will reduce risks for older people. The introduction of LRPs will improve the time to respond to incidents.</p> <p>We have considered risks for older people living in premises such as care homes where the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 applies and assessed that there is no increased risk.</p>
A disabled person	<input type="checkbox"/>	1(likelihood) x 5 (impact) = 5 (low risk)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>We have considered the potential risks of the proposals for people with various disabilities.</p> <p>Due to some of the risks associated with certain disabilities involved in incidents (for example, reduced mobility, visual and auditory impairment, difficulties in affecting an escape, cognitive impairment etc.) the risk is slightly increased but has been assessed as low due to the number and nature of fire incidents occurring in Ilfracombe.</p>



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				<p>The planned increase in prevention work will also reduce risks for people with a disability. The introduction of LRPs will improve the time to respond to incidents.</p> <p>We have considered risks for those with various disabilities living in premises such as care homes and supported living where the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 applies and assessed that there is no increased risk.</p>
A person of a particular sex, male or female, including issues around pregnancy and maternity	X		<input type="checkbox"/>	No increased risks identified relating to sex.
A person of a gay, lesbian or bisexual sexual orientation	X		<input type="checkbox"/>	No increased risks identified relating to sex.
A person of a particular race	X		<input type="checkbox"/>	No increased risks identified relating to race.
A person of a particular religion or belief	X		<input type="checkbox"/>	No increased risks identified relating to religion or belief.
Transgender	X		<input type="checkbox"/>	No increased risks identified relating to transgender.
Community considerations (e.g. applying across communities or associated with socio-economic factors, criminal convictions, rural living or Human Rights)	<input type="checkbox"/>	1(likelihood) x 5 (impact) = 5 (low risk)	X	<p>Positive – an increased focus on prevention and protection activities will reduce risk for all protected characteristics.</p> <p>Negative - There are risks associated with people who are under the influence of drugs or alcohol as such people are likely to be slower to react to the unfolding situation and to affect an escape.</p> <p>The risk has been assessed as low due to the number and nature of fire incidents occurring in Ilfracombe.</p>

*see EA:RB2 guidance

5. Results			
	Yes	No	
Are there negative scores in Low?	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	If Yes, list any actions required to adjust the activity and any mitigation you will implement in the action plan below in section 6



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Were positive impacts identified?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If No, Community and Workplace Equalities will contact you about this
Are some people benefiting more than others? If so explain who and why.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Are one or more negative scores in Medium or High?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If Yes, consult Community and Workplace Equalities (CWE) on further consultation

6. Consultation, decisions and actions		
If medium or high range results were identified who was consulted and what recommendations were given?		
Describe the decision on this activity		
List all actions identified to address/mitigate negative risk or promote positively		
Action	Responsible person	Completion due date
Consult with representatives of relevant protected characteristics during the Corporate Plan consultation process	Corporate Planning Manager/Community & Workplace Equalities Manager	End April 2013
Early and frequent monitoring of the implementation of agreed proposals together with mitigating actions to limit any potential negative impacts and ensure positive impacts occur as planned.	Neil Gibbins	Ongoing
Improve data collection and analysis to allow effective targeting of high risk properties and increased prevention and protection activities.	Neil Gibbins	Ongoing
Closer working with various agencies to respond in a timely way to increased dwelling risks when circumstances change.	Trevor Stratford	Ongoing
When, how and by whom will these actions be monitored?		
Specific timings, methods and responsibilities will be detailed in the implementation of the Corporate Plan.		
7. Signatures		
Assessor		



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Name: Sheila Meades and Gerald Taylor	Signature**
Validated by (Line manager)	
Name: Steve West	Signature**
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Equalities team/monitoring group member name:	Michelle Smitham
Signature** Michelle Smitham	ERBA number: 1064
Assessment date: 7 January 2013	Review date: In line with the Corporate Plan 2013/14 consultation program.

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(e) Plymouth Community draft ERBA for public consultation

1. Name of activity:	A proposal to introduce On Call Firefighters into <u>Plymouth</u> . This ERBA considers the potential risks and benefits on the <u>local community</u> .
2. Main purpose of activity:	<p>A proposal to alter a) Plymstock and Plympton to On Call fire stations; b) to change the crewing of the second fire engine at Camels Head from Wholetime to On Call crewed; c) to crew the Aerial Ladder Platform at Crownhill with Wholetime firefighters on an On Call response.</p> <p>The purpose of the activity is to contribute to the Corporate Planning process in order to achieve a balanced budget and improve safety.</p>
2a. Project manager/process owner	Neil Gibbins
2b. Project/process linked to	The development of the Corporate Plan 2013/14.
3. List the information, data or evidence used in this analysis:	<p>There has been a reduction of 20% in the number of all incidents that fire engines have been called out to in Plymouth area over the last five years and this has led to this proposal.</p> <p>Detailed geographical and statistical mapping of response times for the area have demonstrated that, under the proposals, we have an increased number of dwellings (1.4%) in the wider Plymouth area that may receive a response outside of our Emergency Response Standard of ten minutes for the first fire engine to arrive. This is due to the increased time difference of approximately four minutes between mobilising a Wholetime fire engine and an On Call response.</p> <p>The Service has used this data to develop the level of mitigation required through focused fire prevention and protection activities and through investment in Light Rapid Pump (LRP) fire engines that are quicker to reach incidents.</p> <p>We have also considered as part of this ERBA those people from the protected groups who are resident at or attend establishments such as care homes, hospitals and schools. The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 compels those people responsible for these types of premise to have assessed all risk and put in place the relevant controls regardless of fire service response. DSFRS is the regulatory authority for this legislation in Devon, Somerset, Plymouth and Torbay and, integral to the changes we are making, our enforcement officer teams are being enhanced.</p> <p>We are also reorganising our data management team to improve the way we analyse information regarding the level of risk presented by such premises and will therefore be able to provide a far more effective level of enforcement of the Fire Safety Order than currently provided for these protected groups in these types of establishments.</p> <p>In assessing the likelihood of risk for protected characteristics we have referred to detailed information on fire incidents in Plymouth from 2009 to 2012 involving the rescue of one or more people.</p> <p>As part of this ERBA, we have also used the Local Community Plans for information on incidents and areas of risk.</p>



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We have identified that there are gaps in our data regarding some of the protected groups and have therefore committed to engage with relevant representatives within the potentially affected communities during the consultation process.

4. Assessment

Characteristics	Neutral (x)	Negative* (enter score)	Positive (x)	Describe the particular characteristic you are assessing and explain: Negative: What are the risks? Positive: What are the benefits and/or opportunities?
A person of a particular age	<input type="checkbox"/>	1(likelihood) x 5 (impact) = 5 (low risk)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>We have considered the potential risks for people of various ages who live in the dwellings that are proposed to fall outside the 10 minute response zone (as modeled) for the first fire engine attending.</p> <p>Due to the typical risks associated with older people involved in incidents (for example, reduced mobility, difficulties in affecting an escape) the risk is slightly increased but has been assessed as low due to the reducing number of fire incidents in the area, the relatively low number of dwellings affected by the proposals.</p> <p>The planned increase in prevention work will reduce risks for older people. The introduction of LRPs will improve the time to respond to incidents.</p> <p>We have considered risks for older people living in premises such as care homes where the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 applies and assessed that there is no increased risk.</p>
A disabled person	<input type="checkbox"/>	1(likelihood) x 5 (impact) = 5 (low risk)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>We have considered the potential risks for people with various disabilities who live in the dwellings that are proposed to fall outside the 10 minute response zone (as modeled) for the first fire engine attending.</p> <p>Due to some of the risks associated with certain disabilities involved in incidents (for example, reduced mobility, visual and auditory impairment, difficulties in affecting an escape, cognitive impairment etc.) the risk is slightly increased but has been assessed as low due to the reducing</p>



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				<p>number of fire incidents in the area, the relatively low number of dwellings affected by the proposals.</p> <p>The planned increase in prevention work will reduce risks for people with a disability. The introduction of LRPs will improve the time to respond to incidents.</p> <p>We have considered risks for older people living in premises such as care homes where the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 applies and assessed that there is no increased risk.</p>
A person of a particular sex, male or female, including issues around pregnancy and maternity	X		<input type="checkbox"/>	No increased risks identified relating to sex.
A person of a gay, lesbian or bisexual sexual orientation	X		<input type="checkbox"/>	No increased risks identified relating to sexual orientation.
A person of a particular race	X		<input type="checkbox"/>	No increased risks identified relating to race.
A person of a particular religion or belief	X		<input type="checkbox"/>	No increased risks identified relating to religion or belief.
Transgender	X		<input type="checkbox"/>	No increased risks identified relating to transgender.
Community considerations (e.g. applying across communities or associated with socio-economic factors, criminal convictions, rural living or Human Rights)	<input type="checkbox"/>	1(likelihood) x 5 (impact) = 5 (low risk)	X	<p>Positive – an increased focus on prevention and protection activities will reduce risk for all protected characteristics.</p> <p>Negative - There are risks associated with people who are under the influence of drugs or alcohol as such people are likely to be slower to react to the unfolding situation and to affect an escape.</p> <p>The risk has been assessed as low due to the reducing number of fire incidents in the area, the relatively low number of dwellings affected by the proposals.</p>

*see EA:RB2 guidance

5. Results			
	Yes	No	
Are there negative scores in Low?	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	If Yes, list any actions required to adjust the activity and any mitigation you will implement in the action



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			plan below in section 6
Were positive impacts identified?	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	If No, Community and Workplace Equalities will contact you about this
Are some people benefiting more than others? If so explain who and why.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	
Are one or more negative scores in Medium or High?	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	If Yes, consult Community and Workplace Equalities (CWE) on further consultation

6. Consultation, decisions and actions		
If medium or high range results were identified who was consulted and what recommendations were given?		
Describe the decision on this activity		
List all actions identified to address/mitigate negative risk or promote positively		
Action	Responsible person	Completion due date
Consult with representatives of relevant protected characteristics during the Corporate Plan consultation process	Corporate Planning Manager/Community & Workplace Equalities Manager	End April 2013
Early and frequent monitoring of the implementation of agreed proposals together with mitigating actions to limit any potential negative impacts and ensure positive impacts occur as planned.	Neil Gibbins	Ongoing
Improve data collection and analysis to allow effective targeting of high risk properties and increased prevention and protection activities.	Neil Gibbins	Ongoing
Closer working with various agencies to respond in a timely way to increased dwelling risks when circumstances change.	Trevor Stratford	Ongoing
When, how and by whom will these actions be monitored?		
Specific timings, methods and responsibilities will be detailed in the implementation of the Corporate Plan.		
7. Signatures		
Assessor		



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Equalities team/monitoring group member name:	Michelle Smitham
Signature** Michelle Smitham	ERBA number: 1065
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(f) Taunton Community draft ERBA for public consultation

1. Name of activity:	The proposal to change the crewing of the second fire engine at <u>Taunton</u> fire station from Wholetime to On Call employees. This ERBA considers the potential risks and benefits for the <u>local community</u> .
2. Main purpose of activity:	<p>A proposal to change the crewing of the standard fire engines at Taunton from two Wholetime and one Retained crewed to one Wholetime and two On Call.</p> <p>The purpose of the activity is to contribute to the Corporate Planning process in order to achieve a balanced budget and improve safety.</p>
2a. Project manager/process owner	Neil Gibbins
2b. Project/process linked to	The Development of the Corporate Plan 2013/14.
3. List the information, data or evidence used in this analysis:	<p>Detailed geographical and statistical mapping of response times for the Taunton area have demonstrated that, under the proposals, there will be no change in how quickly the first fire engine arrives at an incident. However, the evidence shows we do have a number of dwellings (7.9%) in Taunton that may receive a slower response from the second fire engine of approximately three minutes which is outside the Service's 13 minute response standard. This is due to the increased time difference between mobilising a wholetime fire engine and a retained crewed fire engine.</p> <p>The Service has used this data to develop the level of mitigation required through focused fire prevention and protection activities and through investment in Light Rapid Pump (LRP) fire engines that are quicker to reach incidents. We have also used our Mosaic database (community profile data) to identify dwellings within the potentially affected areas of Taunton where there is an increased likelihood that people are at greater risk of fire. This will help us to provide more targeted prevention activities.</p> <p>We have also considered as part of this ERBA those people from the protected groups who are resident at or attend establishments such as care homes, hospitals and schools. The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 compels those people responsible for these types of premise to have assessed all risk and put in place the relevant controls regardless of fire service response. DSFRS is the regulatory authority for this legislation in Devon, Somerset, Plymouth and Torbay and, integral to the changes we are making, our enforcement officer teams are being enhanced.</p> <p>We are also reorganising our data management team to improve the way we analyse information regarding the level of risk presented by such premises and will therefore be able to provide a far more effective level of enforcement of the Fire Safety Order than currently provided for these protected groups in these types of establishments.</p> <p>In assessing the likelihood of risk for protected characteristics we have referred to detailed information on fire incidents in Taunton from 2009 to 2012 requiring two or more pumps and involving the rescue of one or more people.</p> <p>As part of this ERBA, we have also used the Local Community Plan for information on incidents and areas of risk.</p>



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We have identified that there are gaps in our data regarding some of the protected groups and have therefore committed to engage with relevant representatives within the potentially affected communities during the consultation process.

4. Assessment

Characteristics	Neutral (x)	Negative* (enter score)	Positive (x)	Describe the particular characteristic you are assessing and explain: Negative: What are the risks? Positive: What are the benefits and/or opportunities?
A person of a particular age	<input type="checkbox"/>	1(likelihood) x 3 (impact) = 3 (low risk)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>We have considered the potential risks of people of various ages who live in the dwellings that are proposed to fall outside the 13 minute response zone (as modeled). It is important to note that there will be no change to the first responding fire engine and therefore the ability to affect immediate rescue when required remains.</p> <p>The potential risk is a delay to the second responding fire engine which has the role of maintaining safe systems of work when required.</p> <p>Due to the typical risks associated with older people involved in incidents (for example, reduced mobility, difficulties in affecting an escape) the risk is slightly increased but has been assessed as low due to the fact that the first and possibly second casualty would be dealt with by the first pump.</p> <p>We have considered risks for older people living in premises such as care homes where the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 applies and assessed that there is no increased risk.</p>
A disabled person	<input type="checkbox"/>	1(likelihood) x 3 (impact) = 3 (low risk)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>We have considered the potential risks of people with various disabilities who live in the dwellings that are proposed to fall outside the 13 minute response zone (as modeled). It is important to note that there will be no change to the first responding fire engine and therefore the ability to affect immediate rescue when required remains.</p> <p>The potential risk is a delay to the second</p>



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				<p>responding fire engine which has the role of maintaining safe systems of work when required.</p> <p>Due to some of the risks associated with certain disabilities involved in incidents (for example, reduced mobility, visual and auditory impairment, difficulties in affecting an escape, cognitive impairment etc.) the risk is slightly increased but has been assessed as low due to the fact that the first and possibly second casualty would be dealt with by the first pump.</p> <p>We have considered risks for those with various disabilities living in premises such as care homes and supported living where the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 applies and assessed that there is no increased risk.</p>
A person of a particular sex, male or female, including issues around pregnancy and maternity	X		<input type="checkbox"/>	No increased risks identified relating to sex.
A person of a gay, lesbian or bisexual sexual orientation	X		<input type="checkbox"/>	No increased risks identified relating to sexual orientation.
A person of a particular race	X		<input type="checkbox"/>	No increased risks identified relating to race.
A person of a particular religion or belief	X		<input type="checkbox"/>	No increased risks identified relating to religion or belief.
Transgender	X		<input type="checkbox"/>	No increased risks identified relating to sexual orientation.
Community considerations (e.g. applying across communities or associated with socio-economic factors, criminal convictions, rural living or Human Rights)	<input type="checkbox"/>	1(likelihood) x 3 (impact) = 3 (low risk)	X	<p>Positive – an increased focus on prevention and protection activities will reduce risk for all protected characteristics.</p> <p>Negative - There are risks associated with people who are under the influence of drugs or alcohol and are involved in an incident in an area that falls outside the 13 minute response zone (as modeled). People under the influence are likely to be slower to react to the unfolding situation, to respond to fire fighter instructions and</p>



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				<p>to be able to affect an escape.</p> <p>It is important to note that there will be no change to the first responding fire engine and therefore the ability to affect immediate rescue when required remains.</p> <p>The risk has been assessed as low due to the fact that the first and possibly second casualty would be dealt with by the first pump.</p>
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*see EA:RB2 guidance

5. Results			
	Yes	No	
Are there negative scores in Low?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If Yes, list any actions required to adjust the activity and any mitigation you will implement in the action plan below in section 6
Were positive impacts identified?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If No, Community and Workplace Equalities will contact you about this
Are some people benefiting more than others? If so explain who and why.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Are one or more negative scores in Medium or High?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If Yes, consult Community and Workplace Equalities (CWE) on further consultation

6. Consultation, decisions and actions		
If medium or high range results were identified who was consulted and what recommendations were given?		
Describe the decision on this activity		
List all actions identified to address/mitigate negative risk or promote positively		
Action	Responsible person	Completion due date
Consult with representatives of relevant protected characteristics during the Corporate Plan consultation process	Corporate Planning Manager/Community & Workplace Equalities Manager	End April 2013
Early and frequent monitoring of the implementation of		Ongoing



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agreed proposals together with mitigating actions to limit any potential negative impacts and ensure positive impacts occur as planned.	Neil Gibbins	
Improve data collection and analysis to allow effective targeting of high risk properties and increased prevention and protection activities.	Neil Gibbins	Ongoing
Closer working with various agencies to respond in a timely way to increased dwelling risks when circumstances change.	Trevor Stratford	Ongoing

When, how and by whom will these actions be monitored?

The above actions will be monitored through the Corporate Risk Register. Specific timings, methods and responsibilities will be detailed in the implementation of the Corporate Plan.

7. Signatures

Assessor

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Name: Steve West	Signature**
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Equalities team/monitoring group member name:	Michelle Smitham
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(g) Torquay Community draft ERBA for public consultation

<p>1. Name of activity:</p>	<p>The proposal to change the crewing of the second fire engine at <u>Torquay</u> fire station from Wholetime to On Call employees. This ERBA considers the potential risks and benefits for the <u>local community</u>.</p>
<p>2. Main purpose of activity:</p>	<p>A proposal to change the crewing of the standard fire engines at Torquay from two Wholetime and one Retained crewed to one Wholetime and two On Call.</p> <p>The purpose of the activity is to contribute to the Corporate Planning process in order to achieve a balanced budget and improve safety.</p>
<p>2a. Project manager/process owner</p>	<p>Neil Gibbins</p>
<p>2b. Project/process linked to</p>	<p>The Development of the Corporate Plan 2013/14.</p>
<p>3. List the information, data or evidence used in this analysis:</p>	<p>Detailed geographical and statistical mapping of response times for the Torquay area have demonstrated that, under the proposals, there will be no change in how quickly the first fire engine arrives at an incident. However, the evidence shows we do have a number of dwellings (0.1%) in Torquay that may receive a slower response from the second fire engine of approximately three minutes which is outside the Service's 13 minute response standard. This is due to the increased time difference between mobilising a wholetime fire engine and a retained crewed fire engine.</p> <p>The Service has used this data to develop the level of mitigation required through focused fire prevention and protection activities and through investment in Light Rapid Pump (LRP) fire engines that are quicker to reach incidents. We have also used our Mosaic database (community profile data) to identify dwellings within the potentially affected areas of Torquay where there is an increased likelihood that people are at greater risk of fire. This will help us to provide more targeted prevention activities.</p> <p>We have also considered as part of this ERBA those people from the protected groups who are resident at or attend establishments such as care homes, hospitals and schools. The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 compels those people responsible for these types of premise to have assessed all risk and put in place the relevant controls regardless of fire service response. DSFRS is the regulatory authority for this legislation in Devon, Somerset, Plymouth and Torbay and, integral to the changes we are making, our enforcement officer teams are being enhanced.</p> <p>We are also reorganising our data management team to improve the way we analyse information regarding the level of risk presented by such premises and will therefore be able to provide a far more effective level of enforcement of the Fire Safety Order than currently provided for these protected groups in these types of establishments.</p> <p>In assessing the likelihood of risk for protected characteristics we have referred to detailed information on fire incidents in Torquay from 2009 to 2012 requiring two or more pumps and involving the rescue of one or more people.</p> <p>As part of this ERBA, we have also used the Local Community Plan for information on incidents and areas of risk.</p>



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We have identified that there are gaps in our data regarding some of the protected groups and have therefore committed to engage with relevant representatives within the potentially affected communities during the consultation process.

4. Assessment

Characteristics	Neutral (x)	Negative* (enter score)	Positive (x)	Describe the particular characteristic you are assessing and explain: Negative: What are the risks? Positive: What are the benefits and/or opportunities?
A person of a particular age	<input type="checkbox"/>	1(likelihood) x 3 (impact) = 3 (low risk)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>We have considered the potential risks of people of various ages who live in the dwellings that are proposed to fall outside the 13 minute response zone (as modeled). It is important to note that there will be no change to the first responding fire engine and therefore the ability to affect immediate rescue when required remains.</p> <p>The potential risk is a delay to the second responding fire engine which has the role of maintaining safe systems of work when required.</p> <p>Due to the typical risks associated with older people involved in incidents (for example, reduced mobility, difficulties in affecting an escape) the risk is slightly increased but has been assessed as low due to the fact that the first and possibly second casualty would be dealt with by the first pump.</p> <p>We have considered risks for older people living in premises such as care homes where the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 applies and assessed that there is no increased risk.</p>
A disabled person	<input type="checkbox"/>	1(likelihood) x 3 (impact) = 3 (low risk)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>We have considered the potential risks of people with various disabilities who live in the dwellings that are proposed to fall outside the 13 minute response zone (as modeled). It is important to note that there will be no change to the first responding fire engine and therefore the ability to affect immediate rescue when required remains.</p> <p>The potential risk is a delay to the second</p>



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				<p>responding fire engine which has the role of maintaining safe systems of work when required.</p> <p>Due to some of the risks associated with certain disabilities involved in incidents (for example, reduced mobility, visual and auditory impairment, difficulties in affecting an escape, cognitive impairment etc.) the risk is slightly increased but has been assessed as low due to the fact that the first and possibly second casualty would be dealt with by the first pump.</p> <p>We have considered risks for those with various disabilities living in premises such as care homes and supported living where the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 applies and assessed that there is no increased risk.</p>
A person of a particular sex, male or female, including issues around pregnancy and maternity	X		<input type="checkbox"/>	No increased risks identified relating to sex.
A person of a gay, lesbian or bisexual sexual orientation	X		<input type="checkbox"/>	No increased risks identified relating to sexual orientation.
A person of a particular race	X		<input type="checkbox"/>	No increased risks identified relating to race.
A person of a particular religion or belief	X		<input type="checkbox"/>	No increased risks identified relating to religion or belief.
Transgender	X		<input type="checkbox"/>	No increased risks identified relating to sexual orientation.
Community considerations (e.g. applying across communities or associated with socio-economic factors, criminal convictions, rural living or Human Rights)	<input type="checkbox"/>	1(likelihood) x 3 (impact) = 3 (low risk)	X	<p>Positive – an increased focus on prevention and protection activities will reduce risk for all protected characteristics.</p> <p>Negative - There are risks associated with people who are under the influence of drugs or alcohol and are involved in an incident in an area that falls outside the 13 minute response zone (as modeled). People under the influence are likely to be slower to react to the unfolding situation, to respond to fire fighter instructions and</p>



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				<p>to be able to affect an escape.</p> <p>It is important to note that there will be no change to the first responding fire engine and therefore the ability to affect immediate rescue when required remains.</p> <p>The risk has been assessed as low due to the fact that the first and possibly second casualty would be dealt with by the first pump.</p>
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*see EA:RB2 guidance

5. Results			
	Yes	No	
Are there negative scores in Low?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If Yes, list any actions required to adjust the activity and any mitigation you will implement in the action plan below in section 6
Were positive impacts identified?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If No, Community and Workplace Equalities will contact you about this
Are some people benefiting more than others? If so explain who and why.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Are one or more negative scores in Medium or High?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If Yes, consult Community and Workplace Equalities (CWE) on further consultation

6. Consultation, decisions and actions		
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Action	Responsible person	Completion due date
Consult with representatives of relevant protected characteristics during the Corporate Plan consultation process	Corporate Planning Manager/Community & Workplace Equalities Manager	End April 2013



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Early and frequent monitoring of the implementation of agreed proposals together with mitigating actions to limit any potential negative impacts and ensure positive impacts occur as planned.	Neil Gibbins	Ongoing
Improve data collection and analysis to allow effective targeting of high risk properties and increased prevention and protection activities.	Neil Gibbins	Ongoing
Closer working with various agencies to respond in a timely way to increased dwelling risks when circumstances change.	Trevor Stratford	Ongoing

When, how and by whom will these actions be monitored?

The above actions will be monitored through the Corporate Risk Register. Specific timings, methods and responsibilities will be detailed in the implementation of the Corporate Plan.

7. Signatures

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(h) Co-responder draft ERBA for public consultation

1. Name of activity:	<p>The proposal to modify the <u>Co-responder</u> response to one employee from the place that they receive the alert.</p> <p>This ERBA considers potential equalities risks and benefits on the <u>employees and the local communities.</u></p>
2. Main purpose of activity:	<p>This proposal is to change the method of responding to Co-responder incidents at all 19 DSFRS Retained Co-responding stations from two suitably qualified On Call personnel mobilising from the fire station to one suitably qualified On Call employee mobilising from the place that they receive the alert.</p> <p>The 19 Co-responding stations are:- Axminster, Chagford, Cheddar, Combe Martin, Crediton, Dawlish, Dulverton, Hartland, Hatherleigh, Holsworthy, Ivybridge, Lynton, Moretonhampstead, Nether Stowey, Porlock, Princetown, Seaton, Williton and Woolacombe.</p> <p><u>A key element of the development of these proposals will be to consider how crews are consulted, trained, equipped and mobilised. There may be risks associated with changes to contracts of employment but these will be considered under a separated ERBA related to contracts.</u></p> <p>The purpose of the activity is to contribute to the Corporate Planning process in order to achieve a balanced budget and improve safety.</p>
2a. Project manager/process owner	Neil Gibbins
2b. Project/process linked to	The Development of the Corporate Plan 2013/14.
3. List the information, data or evidence used in this analysis:	

4. Assessment				
Characteristics	Neutral (x)	Negative* (enter score)	Positive (x)	Describe the particular characteristic you are assessing and explain: Negative: What are the risks? Positive: What are the benefits and/or opportunities?
A person of a particular age	X		<input type="checkbox"/>	
A disabled person	X		<input type="checkbox"/>	
A person of a particular sex, male or female, including issues around pregnancy and maternity	X		<input type="checkbox"/>	
A person of a gay, lesbian or bisexual sexual orientation	X		<input type="checkbox"/>	



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A person of a particular race	X		<input type="checkbox"/>	
A person of a particular religion or belief	X		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Transgender	X		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Community considerations (e.g. applying across communities or associated with socio-economic factors, criminal convictions, rural living or Human Rights)	<input type="checkbox"/>		X	<p>Neutral: For employees at the 19 co-responding stations the equality impact is neutral as the proposed change affects all 19 stations and all suitably qualified personnel. There may be risks associated with changes to contracts of employment but these will be considered under a separate ERBA.</p> <p>Positive: The removal of the element of staff having to travel to the fire station once they have received the alert before responding will result in an improvement in the speed of response in the region of four minutes. <u>This will potentially have a positive impact on all protected characteristics.</u></p>

*see EA:RB2 guidance

5. Results			
	Yes	No	
Are there negative scores in Low?	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	If Yes, list any actions required to adjust the activity and any mitigation you will implement in the action plan below in section 6
Were positive impacts identified?	X		If No, Community and Workplace Equalities will contact you about this
Are some people benefiting more than others? If so explain who and why.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	
Are one or more negative scores in Medium or High?	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	If Yes, consult Community and Workplace Equalities (CWE) on further consultation

6. Consultation, decisions and actions
If medium or high range results were identified who was consulted and what recommendations were given?



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Describe the decision on this activity		
List all actions identified to address/mitigate negative risk or promote positively		
Action	Responsible person	Completion due date
When, how and by whom will these actions be monitored?		
7. Signatures		
Assessor		
Name: Sheila Meades and Gerald Taylor	Signature**	
Validated by (Line manager)		
Name: Steve West	Signature**	
Forward to CWE		
Equalities team/monitoring group member name:	Michelle Smitham	
Signature** Michelle Smitham	ERBA number: 1069	
Assessment date: 7 January 2013	Review date: In line with the Corporate Plan 2013/14 consultation program.	

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