

REPORT REFERENCE NO.	CSC/21/6
MEETING	COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE
DATE OF MEETING	2 NOVEMBER 2021
SUBJECT OF REPORT	DRAFT COMMUNITY RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN 2022-2027
LEAD OFFICER	CHIEF FIRE OFFICER
RECOMMENDATIONS	<p><i>That the Community Safety Committee:</i></p> <p><i>(a) reviews the draft Community Risk Management Plan as attached to this report at Appendix A and,</i></p> <p><i>(b) subject to any amendments made at the meeting, recommends the Draft Community Risk Management Plan to the Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority for approval ahead of the public consultation exercise.</i></p>
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	<p>The Fire and Rescue National Framework for England requires Fire and Rescue services to produce an Integrated Risk Management Plan. In line with guidance from the National Fire Chiefs Council and the recently published Fire Standard the Service is fulfilling this requirement by producing a Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP).</p> <p>The Community Risk Management Plan covers the next five years and provides an overview of the foreseeable fire and rescue-related risks faced by the communities we serve, and identifies the plans for tackling those risks through our prevention, protection and emergency response activities.</p> <p>The range of incidents and activities we attend is extremely broad and has increased over recent years. The role of Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service is to horizon scan and identify emerging risks and trends both across our communities and to our staff. We will ensure we consider within the Community Risk Management Plan any emerging risks over the next five years and evaluate evidence to inform, support and develop the resilience of our service and communities.</p>
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	N/A
EQUALITY RISKS AND BENEFITS ANALYSIS	<p>The Service needs to use a range of activities and approaches to ensure equality of access in terms of its messaging, provision of services and employment. Working with individuals, representatives, groups and organisation's from specific communities, as well as in partnership with other statutory bodies such as County Councils, District Councils and Police is essential to successfully meeting the needs of our communities.</p>

	<p>A full equality impact assessment will identify any disproportionate impacts on groups of people within our communities. This will be further developed following any changes recommended by the Community Safety Committee.</p> <p>In terms of the draft plan presented to the Committee, the proposed actions to mitigate the risk contained in the CRMP do appear to have a positive impact on all members of our community. Some more positive than others, but all leading to a safer place to work and live. No negative impacts were identified.</p>
APPENDICES	<p>A. Draft Community Risk Management Plan 2022-2027</p> <p>B. Strategic Risk Analysis</p>
BACKGROUND PAPERS	N/a

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority (the Authority) is responsible for ensuring that the communities of Somerset, Devon, Plymouth and Torbay are protected and supported by an effective and efficient fire and rescue service.
- 1.2. We have a statutory duty to assess and plan for threats and risks to our communities. All fire and rescue services maintain a response capability to ensure that we can respond with our partners to foreseeable risks, such as those identified at a national and regional level. We fulfil this requirement through the Community Risk Management Plan, where we set out the key challenges and risks facing us along with how we intend to meet and reduce them.
- 1.3. We have an integrated approach to keeping our communities safe through our prevention, protection and response services. We protect over 1.8m people and we will always seek to prevent incidents from occurring but when needed, we will respond quickly to minimise harm and economic loss.
- 1.4. Through the Community Risk Management Plan we demonstrate how our protection, prevention and response activities have and will be used collectively to prevent and/or mitigate fires and other incidents to reduce the impact on its communities (including Business), firefighters and to promote economic wellbeing.
- 1.5. The Community Risk Management Plan should be read in conjunction with our strategic risk analysis which accompanies it. The strategic risk analysis outlines future trends we anticipate in the next five years and our top level plans to keep our communities and staff safe.

2. THE COMMUNITY RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN

- 2.1. The Fire and Rescue National Framework for England requires each fire and rescue service to prepare an Integrated Risk Management Plan. We call ours the Community Risk Management Plan and it provides an overview of how we will align our services to keep people safe from fire and rescue-related risks by balancing our resources across Prevention, Protection and Emergency Response. The Community Risk Management Plan is framed by strategic duties and responsibilities including the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004, the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 and the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

- 2.2. Our Community Risk Management Plan is for the next five years 2022- 2027 and provides an overview of fire and rescue-related risks faced by the communities we serve, and identifies the plans for tackling those risks through our prevention, protection and emergency response activities. The Community Risk Management Plan provides the strategy to helping in keeping Devon and Somerset communities, environment, home and people safe from fire and other emergencies. We will ensure we consider any emerging risks over the next five years and evaluate evidence to inform, support and develop the resilience of our service and communities. The impacts of extreme events can be devastating and far reaching for communities, therefore we will seek to improve community resilience through successful engagement and partnership working.

3. THE CRMP PLANNING PROCESS

- 3.1. The Community Risk Management Plan planning process enables each service to assess foreseeable fire and rescue related risks in their area and to decide how to use resources in the most effective way to save lives, improve public safety and reduce emergency incidents. The planning is a continuous process with three main stages.
- Stage 1 – identifying and assessing risk
 - Stage 2 - managing and reducing risk
 - Stage 3 - measuring performance and evaluating our impact
- 3.2. In development of the Community Risk Management Plan 2022-2027 the Service priorities were used as key drivers:
- Priority 1: Our targeted prevention and protection activities reduce the risks in our communities, improving health, safety and wellbeing, and supporting the local economy.
 - Priority 2: Our operational resources provide an effective emergency response to meet the local and national risks identified in our Community Risk Management Plan (this plan).
 - Priority 3: Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service is recognised as a great place to work: our staff feel valued, supported, safe, and well-trained to deliver a high performing fire and rescue service.
 - Priority 4: We are open and accountable, using our resources efficiently to deliver an effective, sustainable service that demonstrates improving public value.
- 3.3. The range of incidents and activities we attend is extremely broad and has increased over recent years along with the equipment needed to deal with each incident type. We also recognise the role of Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service is to horizon scan and identify emerging risks and trends both across our communities and to our staff. This range of incidents and emerging risks have been the focus in the development of this five year Community Risk Management Plan.

- 3.4. By examining data and listening to what our staff, partners and those who live and work in Devon and Somerset have told us, we have sought to identify the key fire and rescue-related risks and how we will work with our partners and communities to reduce those risks. The findings from these engagement events have been considered in the draft Community Risk Management Plan.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1. If approved by the Fire Authority the Community Risk Management Plan 2022-2027 will be published for public consultation before a report is presented for consideration by the Fire Authority in February 2022.

5. RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1. That the Community Safety Committee:
- (a) reviews the draft Community Risk Management Plan as attached to this report at Appendix A and,
 - (b) subject to any amendments made at the meeting, recommends the Draft Community Risk Management Plan to the Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority for approval ahead of the public consultation exercise.

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