

REPORT REFERENCE NO.	CSC/22/1
MEETING	COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE
DATE OF MEETING	9 FEBRUARY 2022
SUBJECT OF REPORT	DRAFT COMMUNITY RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN
LEAD OFFICER	DIRECTOR OF SERVICE IMPROVEMENT, ACFO GAVIN ELLIS
RECOMMENDATIONS	<p><i>(a). To consider the consultation feedback amendments highlighted in yellow in the draft Community Risk Management Plan attached at Appendix A of this report; and</i></p> <p><i>(b). Subject to incorporation of the amendments indicated at (a). above and any other amendments as may be indicated at the meeting, the draft Community Risk Management Plan be recommended to the Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority for approval on 18 February 2022.</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 the National Standard, we are calling ours the Community Risk Management Plan 2022-2027.</p> <p>The Community Risk Management Plan 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.</p> <p>The Fire Authority agreed on 10 November 2021 the draft Community Risk Management Plan 2022-2027 should be go for public consultation. With the consultation complete the Community Safety Committee are asked to agree the consultation changes to the Community Risk Management Plan.</p>
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	N/A
EQUALITY RISKS AND BENEFITS ANALYSIS	An equality impact assessment has been prepared alongside the CRMP to identify any disproportionate impacts on groups of people within our communities. This will be finalised before the document goes to public consultation.
APPENDICES	<p>A. Draft Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) 2022-2027</p> <p>B. Strategic Risk Analysis</p>

	<p>C. Community Risk Management Plan Consultation Overview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Online Survey Findings (ii) Email Response Summary (iii) Focus Group Report (Devon Communities Together) (iv) Focus Group Report (Consultation and Engagement Team) <p>D. Equality Impact Assessment</p>
BACKGROUND PAPERS	None.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. Devon and Somerset Fire and 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. The Authority has 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. This requirement is fulfilled through the Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP), where the key challenges and risks facing the Service are set out along with how it is intended to meet and reduce them.
- 1.3. There is an integrated approach to keeping our communities safe through the Service's prevention, protection and response activities. The Service protects over 1.8m people and will always seek to prevent incidents from occurring but when needed, it will respond quickly to minimise harm and economic loss.
- 1.4. Through the Community Risk Management Plan, it is demonstrated how the 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 the strategic risk analysis which accompanies it (see Appendix xx). The strategic risk analysis outlines future trends anticipated in the next five years and the 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. For Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority, this is the Community Risk Management Plan and it provides an overview of how the services are aligned 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. The 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.

- 2.3. The Community Risk Management Plan provides the strategy to help in keeping Devon and Somerset communities, environment, home and people safe from fire and other emergencies. Any emerging risks over the next five years will be considered and evaluated with 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, the Authority will seek to improve community resilience through successful engagement and partnership working.
- 2.4. In determining the risks within the community and how to mitigate them, it is important to ensure that the CRMP process is sustainable for the future to deliver services to our communities. This requires the CRMP proposals to take account of the operating budget of the service to identify the capacity and capabilities required to meet the needs of the existing and new & emerging risks.

3. THE CRMP CONSULTATION PROCESS

- 3.1. The Service wanted to understand the views of its communities, residents, businesses, staff and visitors, regarding this draft Community Risk Management Plan on behalf of the Authority.
- 3.2. The consultation for the draft Community Risk Management Plan started on 15 November 2021 and closed on 14 January 2022. A mid-term and closing review were undertaken to monitor responses from identified stakeholders and quality of response.
- 3.3. The consultation consisted of a dedicated email address, engagement events, focus groups and on-line survey.
- 3.4. Almost 250 responses to the consultation were received, 241 completed responses by online survey and 8 responses received by email. A further 36 individuals were engaged through focus groups. 53 members of staff and 13 members of the public engaged through the virtual events. Most members of the public represented a local parish council.
- 3.5. From the on-line survey, a third (33%) of respondents were female, and 55% male (1% identify as non-binary and the remaining 12% chose not to say). A quarter (25%) of respondents are aged between 45-54, with a further 22% aged between 55-64. Those aged between 65-74 make up 18% of respondents, with a further 14% comprised of 35–44-year-olds, and 9% are aged 34 or under. Over half (54%) of respondents are from rural area, 29% from urban areas, and 15% from coastal areas.
- 3.6. 71% of respondents either agree or strongly agree that the Service had identified all the major risks it is responsible for. 9% have responded to disagree and 6% strongly disagree.
- 3.7. 63% of respondents either agree or strongly agree that the activities the Service continues to and proposes to deliver are appropriate to the identified risks. 10% disagree and 8% strongly disagree.

- 3.8. 57% of respondents either agree or strongly agree that ‘the activities the Service continues to and proposes to deliver do not affect me or anyone else more positively or negatively than other people’. This question has seen more neutral responses with 23% neither agreeing nor disagreeing, and 16% responding they disagree or strongly disagree. This is in line with the equality impact assessment which considers a positive or neutral impact. The question was edited to have ‘do not’ in bold following a response which selected ‘strongly disagree’ to this question but made a positive comment in the free text.
- 3.9. The feedback received from the consultation process has been analysed and included within the draft Community Risk Management Plan (attached at Appendix A of this report) as appropriate for consideration by the Community Safety Committee.

4. RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 The Community Safety Committee is asked to consider the changes made as a result of the consultation process and recommend the Community Risk Management Plan to the Fire and Rescue Authority for approval at its meeting on 18th February 2022.

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