

**DELEGATED DECISION BY THE DEPUTY LEADER
17 April 2018**

**Oxfordshire County Council Fire and Rescue Service Community
Risk Management Plan (CRMP) Draft Action Plan 2018-19**

Report by the Chief Fire Officer

Introduction

1. The Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 requires the Secretary of State to prepare a Fire and Rescue National Framework to which Fire Authorities must have regard when discharging their functions. The 2012 Framework requires each Fire and Rescue Authority to produce a publicly available Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP). Within Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service (OFRS) we have called this our Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) to make it more meaningful to the public. This report proposes a number of projects to be included within the Fire Authority's CRMP for the fiscal year 2018-19.
2. The proposals in this report were presented to the Performance Scrutiny Committee in September 2017.
3. The agreed proposals within this Action Plan 2018-19 have been subjected to full internal and external consultation for a period of 12 weeks. Cabinet is therefore invited to comment on the proposed Action Plan, consultation responses and management responses to the consultation responses.
4. Our medium term financial plan and supporting business strategy underpin the proposals within our CRMP action plan.
5. The Secretary of State published the latest Fire and Rescue National Framework in July 2012. The purpose of the Framework was to provide strategic direction from central government whilst ensuring that authorities continue to make local decisions. The Framework sets out the Government's objectives for the Fire and Rescue Service and what fire and rescue authorities should do to achieve these objectives.
6. Each Fire and Rescue Authority should ensure that the IRMP:
 - Is regularly reviewed and revised and reflects up-to-date risk information and evaluation of service delivery outcomes
 - Has regard to the risk analyses completed by Local and Regional Resilience Forums including those reported in external Community Risk Registers (CRRs) and internal risk registers, to ensure that civil and terrorist contingencies are captured in their IRMP
 - Reflects effective consultation during its development and at all review stages with representatives of all sections of the community and stakeholders

- Demonstrates how prevention, protection and response activities will be best used to mitigate the impact of risk on communities in a cost effective way
 - Provides details of how Fire and Rescue Authorities deliver their objectives and meet the needs of communities through working with partners
 - Has undergone an effective equality impact assessment process.
7. The framework also states that Fire and Rescue Authorities should review the effectiveness of 'cross-border' integration arrangements with neighbouring authorities and set these out appropriately in their IRMPs.

Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Authority published its strategic CRMP in April 2017 providing the strategic direction for the next five years. This document is subjected to annual review and updated and amended as required. The current strategic IRMP requires no amendment for the fiscal year 2018-19.

8. Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service senior management have responded to the comments made during the consultation period and the response summaries are available in Annex 1.

Exempt Information

9. None

Financial and Staff Implications

10. Each project will fully recognise the prevailing economic constraints, delivering efficiencies or allowing existing/additional services to be delivered more effectively. If any budgetary pressures result from the implementation of these projects, they will be managed within existing budgets or highlighted to Cabinet through the annual Service Resource and Planning process.

Equalities Implications

11. None

RECOMMENDATION

12. **The Deputy Leader is RECOMMENDED to accept the proposed projects and adopt in the final version of the CRMP Action Plan 2018-19.**

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Background papers:

National Framework document for Fire and Rescue Service.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fire-and-rescue-national-framework-for-england>

Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Authority 2017-2022 Community Risk Management Plan
<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/community-risk-management-plan>

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