

Divisions Affected – N/A

CABINET

21 September 2021

Community Risk Management Plan 2022-2026

Report by Corporate Director for Commercial Development Assets and Investment

RECOMMENDATION

1. The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to accept and adopt in the final version the Community Risk Management Plan 2022 - 2026, for public Consultation.

Executive Summary

2. The 2018 Fire and Rescue National 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. In April 2017 OFRS published the CRMP 5-year strategy for Oxfordshire which covers the period from 2017 to 2022.
3. Our current CRMP is due to End in March 2022 so the production of a new CRMP has taken place which will run from April 2022 to March 2026. The CRMP is subject to public consultation which will take place for 12 weeks from 22nd September 2021.
4. The CRMP comprises of 2 documents, a forward facing CRMP which sets out our strategic objectives and key areas of focus over this period, and a supporting Risk analysis document covering the process used to identify the risks within our county and provide our key areas of focus, which will be available on request.

Background

5. 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 2018 Framework requires each Fire and Rescue Authority to produce a publicly available Integrated Risk

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Management Plan (IRMP). In April 2017 OFRS published the CRMP 5-year strategy for Oxfordshire, covering the period from 2017 to 2022.

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7. The Secretary of State published the latest Fire and Rescue National Framework in 2018. 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.
8. Each Fire and Rescue Authority should ensure that the IRMP:
 - (a) Is regularly reviewed and revised and reflects up-to-date risk information and evaluation of service delivery outcomes
 - (b) 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
 - (c) Reflects effective consultation during its development and at all review stages with representatives of all sections of the community and stakeholders
 - (d) Demonstrates how prevention, protection and response activities will be best used to mitigate the impact of risk on communities in a cost-effective way
 - (e) Provides details of how Fire and Rescue Authorities deliver their objectives and meet the needs of communities through working with partners
 - (f) Has undergone an effective equality impact assessment process.
9. The CRMP requires approval from Cabinet before it can be released for public consultation.

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10. The Community Risk Management Plan 2022 to 2026 sets out the Fire and Rescue Authority's strategic assessment and long-term plans on how it will manage and reduce the risk from fire, road traffic collisions and other emergency incidents within Oxfordshire.
11. Our Strategic Priorities for the service outline areas that we will work on over the course of this CRMP, to improve our effectiveness, efficiency and people.

Corporate Policies and Priorities

12. The Community Safety Services Vision 2026 is the cornerstone document for this service area with Oxfordshire County Council and Cherwell District Council. It directly links to overarching corporate plans and strategies and sets the direction of how the Fire and Rescue Service will improve over the next four years in order to deliver against this plan. The CRMP 2022 – 2026 has analysed the content of the vision to support the creation of this document.
13. Our values and behaviours are set out within the document as part of the council's organisational values and behaviours framework.

Financial Implications

14. The CRMP sets out our strategic priorities and key areas of focus and fully recognises the prevailing economic constraints and will be managed within existing budgets or highlighted to Cabinet through the annual Service Resource and Planning process.

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Legal Implications

15. No legal implications

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Staff Implications

16. The CRMP sets out our strategic priorities and key areas of focus and fully recognises the prevailing economic constraints and will be managed within existing staffing numbers.
17. Deployment and use of personnel to effectively deliver response and prevention activities forms part of the public consultation. Responses from the consultation will form part of our people strategy planning over the term of the CRMP.

Equality & Inclusion Implications

18. No SCIA implications

Sustainability Implications

19. No implications

Risk Management

20. The CRMP is a risk assessment document; To create our CRMP 2022-2026, we have analysed risks within Oxfordshire, then assessed how OFRS is equipped to meet them. A comprehensive risk analysis has been conducted in the creation of the document covering our response, Prevention and protection delivery, it has included assessment against the National and local risk registers, as well as considering aspects such as the future growth of the county.
21. The Community Safety Leadership Team (CSLT) – which consists of department heads and the Strategic Leadership Team – also meet annually to carry out a horizon scanning exercise.
22. We use the PESTELO method to focus and categorise areas. Once this has been reviewed, we then look to priority areas for the coming years forming our CRMP, service delivery plans, and departmental plans.
23. “PESTELO” stands for:
 - Political
 - Economic
 - Social
 - Technological
 - Environmental
 - Legal
 - Organisational

Consultation

24. The 2022-26 CRMP will be subject to a 12-week public consultation. OFRS have worked with Corporate services to create and deliver a Consultation Strategy to maximise its reach.
25. The live consultation will utilise the counties Consultation portal as the main area to receive responses and will engage with groups via the following methods.

Live consultation on CRMP:

- Press releases
- Social Media campaign
- Focus Groups
- Community groups
- Communication with Stakeholders

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- All Councillors briefings
- Hard copy questionnaires

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