

Division(s):

**Performance Scrutiny Committee
22nd September 2016**

**COMMUNITY RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN OXFORDSHIRE FIRE AND
RESCUE SERVICE - DRAFT CRMP 2017-22 and ACTION PLAN 2017-
18**

Report by the Chief Fire Officer – Fire & Rescue Service

Introduction

1. This report sets out our new draft Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) 2017-22 document for consultation from the 10 October 2016 to 9 January 2017. The report shows how OFRS has identified, assessed and evaluated risk within Oxfordshire. As required by the Fire and Rescue National Framework Document 2012.
2. The Fire and Rescue National Framework requires each Fire and Rescue Authority to produce a publicly available Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP), (in the case of Oxfordshire our CRMP) covering at least a three-year time span which:
 - Demonstrates how prevention, protection and response activities will best be used to mitigate the impact of risk on communities, through authorities working either individually or collectively, in a cost effective way.
 - Sets out its management strategy and risk based programme for enforcing the provisions of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 in accordance with the principles of better regulation set out in the Statutory Code of Compliance for Regulators, and the Enforcement Concordat.
 - Is easily accessible and publicly available.
 - Reflects effective consultation throughout its development and at all review stages with the community, its workforce and representative bodies, and partners.
 - Is reviewed and revised as often as it is necessary to ensure that fire and rescue authorities are able to deliver the requirements set out in this Framework.
 - Reflects up to date risk analyses and the evaluation of service delivery outcomes.

3. The current CRMP 2013-18 needs to be refreshed due to our new 365alive Vision, with links to the County Council Strategic Priorities and changes to the risks within Oxfordshire.
4. Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service (OFRS) have developed a draft CRMP Action Plan for the fiscal year 2017-18. The proposals in the action plan identify areas where the Service's Senior Leadership Team believe service improvements and /or greater value to the wider OCC corporate priorities may be achieved. To meet the requirements of the CRMP process, each proposal will be supported by evidence, validating both their inclusion and their contribution to improved community outcomes and community/firefighter safety. Similarly, each proposal recognises the prevailing economic constraints.
5. The projects that have been proposed for the CRMP Action plan 2017-18 will be subject to consultation for 13 weeks starting on the 10th October 2016. During this period, Oxfordshire Fire Authority will consult with elected Members, neighbouring fire and rescue services, other blue light services, partner organisations such as the Highways Agency and the Environment Agency, the Fire Brigades Union, all OFRS staff and members of the public
6. The CRMP draft documents also include reference to collaboration with other emergency services, prior to forthcoming changes in legislation. With a new legal duty to collaborate in order to provide more efficient and effective services to the public.
7. These proposals, if approved by the Performance Scrutiny Committee, and also by the Cabinet Member for Fire Service and Corporate Plan under Delegated Powers on 26 September 2016, will be adopted in the draft version of the CRMP 2017-22 and Action Plan 2017-18 and will be subject to wide ranging consultation.
8. Senior Management from OFRS will respond to the comments made during the consultation period. The responses will be reported to Cabinet in a Consultation Report to be presented in March 2017 and published on the internet for public access.
9. OFRS has transformed itself from an organisation that deals with fire response to one that also covers preventative and wider rescue work and, as a consequence, we have succeeded in reducing incidents dramatically over the years. The proposed projects for the CRMP Action Plan 2017-18 reflect the changing nature of risk and demand within the county and recognises the wider role that OFRS will need to continue to undertake in the future.
10. The following projects are proposed for the CRMP Action Plan 2017-18:

Project 1: Implement changes to whole-time duty systems following 2016 review.

Responsible Manager: Area Manager - Operations and Resilience
Mat Carlile.

Project 2: Review / implement changes to key stations and provide area based strategic cover.

Responsible Manager: Area Manager - Operations and Resilience
Mat Carlile.

Project 3: Removal of second fire engine from Chipping Norton Fire Station.

Responsible Manager: Area Manager - Operations and Resilience
Mat Carlile.

Project 4: Review opportunities to share resources and assets to improve outcomes for Oxfordshire.

Responsible Manager: Deputy Chief Fire Officer Simon Furlong

Project 5: Alignment of operational policy across fire and rescue services in the Thames Valley.

Responsible Manager: Area Manager - Operations and Resilience
Mat Carlile.

Financial and Staff Implications

11. The CRMP findings and proposed projects will be budgeted and will fully recognise the prevailing economic constraints, delivering efficiencies or allowing existing/additional services to be delivered more effectively. The proposals will ensure that the savings for the Fire & Rescue Service in the existing Medium Term Financial plan are achieved”.

Equalities Implications

12. A Service and Community Impact Assessment has been undertaken with regards to the CRMP and proposed projects. This does not identify any issues with regards to equality.

RECOMMENDATION

13. **The Committee is RECOMMENDED to:**
 - a) **support the draft CRMP 2017-22 strategic document and proposed projects within the draft 2017-18 Action Plan for consultation; and**
 - b) **request that the Chief Fire Officer reports back to Cabinet with feedback and any amendments following the consultation.**

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Background papers:

National Framework document for the Fire and Rescue Service 2012
Oxfordshire Fire Authority Integrated Risk Management Plan 2013-18

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