

Divisions Affected - all

Place, Overview and Scrutiny Committee

15 June 2022

Community Risk Management Plan 2022-2026

Report by Steve Jordan

RECOMMENDATION

1. The committee is RECOMMENDED to

Accept the CRMP 2022-26 for public release.

Executive Summary

2. The 2018 Fire & Rescue services Framework for England 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, the current CRMP is due to expire March 2022.
3. OFRS have created a new Strategic Community Risk Management Plan that will cover the period from April 2022 to March 2026. The creation of the document is supported by in-depth risk analysis that assesses all known and foreseeable risks in the county throughout the period. It is also supported by departmental strategies detailing how the separate areas (Prevention, Protection and Response) will address these risks.
4. Following the initial analysis of risks and engagement with staff and key stakeholders, the CRMP has now been subject to a 12-week public consultation, between September and December 2021.
5. A copy of the consultation report is provided for review. The CRMP has passed through the full Cabinet meetings process and is now being brought to the Place, Overview and Scrutiny Committee for approval.
6. Our medium-term financial plan and supporting business strategies underpin the proposals within our CRMP

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7. 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 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 their CRMP 5-year strategy for Oxfordshire, this covers the period from 2017 to 2022.
8. As this is due to expire, OFRS have created a new Strategic Community Risk Management Plan that will cover the period from April 2022 to March 2026. The creation of the document is supported by in-depth risk analysis that assesses all known and foreseeable risks in the county throughout the period. It is also supported by departmental strategies detailing how the separate areas (Prevention, Protection and Response) will address these risks.
9. Our medium-term financial plan and supporting business strategy underpin the proposals within this year's action plan.
10. 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.
11. 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.

Financial Implications

12. The Strategic CRMP provides a direction for the service to explore and identify any improvements needed to meet the demands of the service over the next 4 years. Where specific work is required, a project will be initiated. 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.

13. Comments checked by:

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[Legal Implications]

14. There are no legal implications

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[Staff Implications]

15. The Strategic CRMP provides a direction for the service to explore and identify any improvements needed to meet the demands of the service over the next 4 years. Where specific work is required, a project will be initiated. If any budgetary pressures result from the implementation of these projects, they will be managed within existing budgets, by transferring staff resources, or highlighted to Cabinet through the annual Service Resource and Planning process.

[Equality & Inclusion Implications]

16. There are no SCIA implications

[Sustainability Implications]

17. No implications

[Risk Management]

18. Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service have a Risk Management Policy and procedure in order to provide sufficient process, monitoring and oversight of risk within the service and to the public of Oxfordshire.
19. As part of the cycle of CRMP planning, the Community Safety Leadership Team use their experience and knowledge to understand how current and future issues could have an impact on the service and community and will use the PESTELO to identify external influences, to determine the level of risk and action required. The themes of focus are:
 - Political,
 - Economic,
 - Social,
 - Technological,
 - Environmental
 - Legal and
 - Organisational.

[Consultations]

20. The CRMP 2022 – 2026 was subject to a 12-week public consultation from 22nd September to the 15th December 2021, where OFRS invited comments on the draft strategic CRMP 2022-2026.
21. Based on advice from the Consultation Institute and the OCC Engagement and Consultation teams, the Oxfordshire County Council online consultation portal was used to capture comments with a structured set of questions around the key areas in the strategy.
22. The consultation asked for feedback on the community risks that had been identified for Oxfordshire, asking “are these the right risks and is anything missing?”. We also sought comments on our proposed priorities to address these risks and any ideas for what we could do differently.
23. The consultation engaged with both internal and external stakeholders
24. Consultation responses were collected through the OCC online consultation portal “Let’s Talk Oxfordshire” and by the delivery manager at several internal ‘group’ consultation sessions, and from emails submissions.
25. A copy of the consultation report is included in this submission.

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Annex: Nil

Background papers: Nil

[Other Documents:] **CRMP 2022-2026 consultation report** - which will be available on the OCC Public website within the fire and rescue service area.

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