

Division(s):

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OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE COMMUNITY RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN– CRMP CONSULTATION RESPONSES REPORT, CRMP 2017-22 and ACTION PLAN 2017-18

Report by the Chief Fire Officer – Fire & Rescue Service

Introduction

4. This report sets out our new Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) 2017-22. 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 CRMP Action Plan for the fiscal year 2017-18. The projects 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 project 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 CRMP 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.
6. The draft CRMP 2017-22 and the CRMP Action plan 2017-18 were subject to full consultation from the 10 October 2016 to 9 January 2017. During this period, 110 consultation responses were received. OFRS have worked closely with our representative bodies throughout the CRMP process and the full consultation responses were made available to them to demonstrate our commitment to transparency.
7. Senior Management from OFRS have considered the consultation feedback and amended the CRMP documents accordingly. A Consultation Responses Report has been prepared which summarises the responses and provides a management response to the feedback from each of the consultation questions. This document is included to inform Cabinet's decision. The Consultation Responses Report will be published on the internet for public access.
8. The main change we have made as a result of the consultation has been to change the scope of CRMP Action Plan Project 1 from 'Implement changes to the whole time duty systems following 2016 review' to 'Review whole-time shift duty system'. We will now establish a working group to fully engage with our employees in order to identify the most flexible, efficient and effective use of our whole-time shift resources to deliver our prevention, protection and response activities across the county.
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 projects within 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 contained within the CRMP Action Plan 2017-18:

Project 1: Review whole-time shift duty system

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

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

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

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

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. **Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:**

Approve the CRMP 2017-22 strategic document and projects within the 2017-18 Action Plan.

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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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