

**Fire & Rescue, Emergency Planning
and Community Safety
Service and Resource Planning**

**Safer and Stronger Communities
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Fire & Rescue and Emergency Planning

- Overall cost of service = £24.5m
 - Service Delivery £16.4m
 - Service Support £7.8m
 - Emergency Planning £384k



Fire & Rescue and Emergency Planning

What is statutory?

- Statutory requirements - Fire Services Act 2004
 - Receive emergency calls
 - Saving life through attending fires, road accidents and other emergencies
 - Provide humanitarian assistance
 - Respond to acts of terrorism and the effects of climate change e.g. flooding
 - Contribute to the wider civil resilience of the UK
 - Community Safety advice and Education
 - Fire Safety Enforcement



Fire & Rescue and Emergency Planning

- Statutory Requirements – The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety Order) 2005 –

- Ensure the safety from fire of our community in all places other than single private dwellings
- Risk assessed proactive approach
- Support businesses in conducting risk assessments
- Enforce the order where necessary



Fire & Rescue and Emergency Planning

- Statutory Requirements - The Civil Contingencies Act 2004
 - Assess the risk of emergencies occurring
 - Contingency planning
 - Preparation of Emergency Plans
 - Business Continuity Management inc public warning and informing in the event of an emergency



Fire & Rescue and Emergency Planning

– Scale of the service

- 24 fire stations
- 600 Personnel, consisting of
 - 248 whole-time staff
 - 352 retained duty staff (part time not whole time FTE's)
- 35 fire appliances
- 12 specialist appliances



Fire & Rescue and Emergency Planning

- The Fire & Rescue Service has a 10 year vision – 365 alive for 2006 – 2016.
 - 365 more people alive
 - » Current target: 153
 - » 203 more people alive
 - » *50 better than target*
 - £100 million saved
 - » Current target: £49,290,320
 - » £66,315,472 saved
 - » *£17,025,152 better than target*
 - 840,000 people safer
 - » Current target: 357,000
 - » 435,868 people safer
 - » *78,868 better than target*



Fire & Rescue and Emergency Planning

- Non Statutory Services
 - Fire cadets - cost £40k



Fire & Rescue and Emergency Planning

What do we get for this money?

- **Intervention**

- 12,500 calls to control suite
- 6,092 incidents attended
- 1,785 fires inc 25 rescues from accidental property fires
- 396 traffic collisions attended
- 1,213 other emergency incidents
- the remainder includes false alarms and assisting the ambulance service (co-responder).



Fire & Rescue and Emergency Planning

What do we get for this money?

- **Prevention**

- 5500 children educated through our Junior Citizen programme in 2009/10
- 118,000 Safety messages delivered in 2009/10
- 1946 Home Fire Risk Assessments in 2009/10 resulting in 2693 smoke detectors being installed including 26 deaf units
- 49 Level 2 Fire Investigations leading to 4 awaiting trial, 5 curfews, 11 convictions,

- **Protection –**

- 665 Technical fire safety audits completed
- 31 Formal notices issued
- 273 Informal noticed issued.
- 1983 Building Regulations consultations completed



Community Safety – Gypsy and Traveller Service

- Overall cost of Service = £96k
- Provides landlord services for some 80 families resident on the County's permanent sites
- Safeguards the County's settled Communities from the problems associated with unauthorised encampments
- Provides the same function for Bucks County Council and Brent Housing Partnership – Income generation



Community Safety - Safer Communities Unit

- Overall cost of Service = £232k
- Fulfils the County Council's statutory duty, through the Crime and Disorder Reduction Act 1998 to work in partnership to develop and deliver community safety strategies
- Acts as a conduit for those who require specific safety, protective or crime related services



Community Safety – Trading Standards

- Overall cost of Service = £2.26m
- Enforces approx 80 acts of parliament
- Through targeting doorstep crime, assists vulnerable older adults to maintain independent living in their own homes.
- Wide remit covering – food safety; fair trading; fraud; illegal money lending; counterfeiting; farm animal health; and welfare controls; underage sales; product safety; overweight heavy goods vehicles; storage of hazardous substances
- Covers civil, criminal and contract law.



Changes already being implemented – Budget and Business Strategy

- Management review
 - Structural changes – transition into Social and Community Services Directorate (SCS)
 - Posts deleted at Head of Service Level
 - CFO role – reports to Chief Executive for Fire & Rescue and Director for SCS for Community Safety



Changes already being implemented – Budget and Business Strategy

- **MTFP**

- Fire and Rescue & Emergency planning – savings of £1.4m (not inc inflation) over 5 years
- Community Safety savings of £700k over 5 years
- Most savings proposals already achieved or under development
- £661k savings in Fire & Rescue still to be identified.
- Most significant funded pressure of £660k is for increased support for retained fire fighters



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