

Report to	Executive Panel	
Date	18 March 2024	
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Subject	Community Risk Management Plan 2024-29 and Community Risk Management Implementation Plan 2024-25	

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 This report is to present to Members of the North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority (the Authority);
 - i) the Community Risk Management Plan for the five-year period 2024 to 2029;
 - ii) the Community Risk Management Implementation Plan for 2024-25; and
 - iii) to seek approval to consult with the public on our proposed five year and one-year plans.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2 Under the Welsh Government Fire and Rescue National Framework 2016, one of the key objectives for Fire and Rescue Services in Wales is to continually and sustainably reduce risk and enhance the safety of citizens and communities.
- 3 The Authority is required by The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 to make arrangements for continuous improvement in the exercise of its functions, by setting itself improvement objectives in each financial year against at least one of seven functions. The public must be consulted on these objectives.
- 4 It is a statutory requirement of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 for Public Bodies to publish annual well-being objectives and to report annually on their progress towards meeting their well-being objectives.
- 5 The Authority previously outlined its improvement and well-being objectives, in its 2021-2024 Corporate Plan. This has now expired and will be reported upon in the Annual Performance Assessment later this year.

- 6 In place of a new corporate plan, a Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) has been developed. The CRMP aims to identify risks facing the community and describes how the Authority will manage those risks, and continue to prevent and respond to fires and other emergencies. The objectives have been written to take account of the requirements of both afore-mentioned pieces of legislation.

RECOMMENDATION

- 7 It is recommended that Members:
- i) **Note the content of the report; and**
 - ii) **Approve the draft Community Risk Management Plan 2024-29 and the Community Risk Management Implementation Plan (CRMIP) 2024-25 for consultation with Authority Members, staff, relevant stakeholders and the public prior to approval at a full meeting of the Authority in July 2024.**

BACKGROUND

- 8 In defining the scope of the CRMP, we have consulted with our staff at all levels of our organisation utilising a variety of consultation methods, including our Fire Family Survey, the Emergency Cover Review consultation, Service Leadership Team and Middle Manager workshops. We have also consulted with representative bodies.
- 9 Based on this consultation, we have developed five principles, which will assist the Authority to mitigate the risks to our communities and help focus on improvement within our Service over the next five years.
- 10 In line with the National Fire Chiefs Council development of the Community Risk Management Planning Strategic Framework and reflecting community risk, what we have previously referred to as corporate objectives have been replaced by five principles through which, the Authority will continue to discharge its statutory obligations under the aforementioned Acts and the Welsh Government Fire and Rescue National Framework 2016.
- 11 The objectives contained within the 2024-25 CRMIP will, along with subsequent annual objectives, support the delivery of the five-year CRMP.

INFORMATION

- 12 Consultation will be hosted on the 'Your Voice' platform and will be run between the 25 March and 16 June 2024.
- 13 It will be supported by internal and external communications including the use of social media.
- 14 It is intended that the draft CRMP 2024-29 and the CRMIP 2024-25 will follow the Service internal and external consultation process and include Members of the Authority, public, staff and other relevant stakeholders to provide feedback, prior to publishing it following a full meeting of the Authority in July 2024.
- 15 English and Welsh versions will be available as well as an accessible, easy read format.
- 16 An Equality and Socio-economic Impact Assessment has been prepared and will be published alongside the consultation documents.
- 17 Once the consultation has closed the feedback will be assessed and any necessary changes made to the CRMP 2024-29 and CRMIP 2024-25 before results of the consultation are presented to the Executive Panel on the 17 June 2024, and circulated to the Members of the Audit Committee.
- 18 The final version will be presented to the full Authority for approval and publishing on the 15 July 2024.
- 19 Once published, progress against the 2024-25 CRMIP will be monitored through the Service Leadership Teams' Performance Board.

IMPLICATIONS

Wellbeing Objectives	The Community Risk Management Plan 2024-29 and the Community Risk Management Implementation Plan 2024-25 contain a Well-being statement as required by the Act.
Budget	Not applicable
Legal	The Community Risk Management Plan 2024-29 and the Community Risk Management Implementation Plan 2024-25 have been prepared in accordance with the relevant legislation.
Staffing	None
Equalities/ Human Rights/ Welsh Language	An Equality Impact Assessment has been prepared and will be published at the time of consultation and publication.
Risks	The Community Risk Management Plan supports the Authority's risk management arrangements.