

11. Integrated Risk Management Plan – Draft 2011/2012 Action Plan Consultation

Purpose of report

1. To recommend the Draft 2011/12 Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) Action Plan for consultation.
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Recommendation

The Chief Fire Officer recommends that the Authority approves the Draft 2011-12 Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) Action Plan for consultation.

Background

2. Members will be aware that the Authority set a 3 year Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) that commenced on 1 April 2009. It is also a requirement that an annual IRMP action plan is published for public consultation. The action plan will be consulted upon for 12 weeks and a final plan, incorporating any feedback, will be submitted to the Authority for approval at the December 2010 meeting.

Process

3. The 2011/12 IRMP Action Plan is based upon a revised risk assessment, the results of which are contained within an IRMP evidence document. This review involved a full risk assessment looking at historical incident data analysis and demographic information across Herefordshire and Worcestershire. Also the effectiveness of our current prevention, protection and response arrangements were evaluated.
4. This review took account of input from our District Commanders, District community safety staff and our firefighters in order to capture local knowledge and risk information. Two dedicated staff workshops also provided valuable supporting information for the Action Plan. The evidence document will be available on the Service Website (www.hwfire.org.uk).
5. The resulting draft Action Plan was considered by the IRMP Steering Group on 02 June 2010 and is attached as Appendix 1.

Consultation Process

6. The Authority has a statutory duty to consult on the IRMP Action Plan through the following guiding principles:
 - Any person or organisation must have an opportunity to express their views regarding any significant change if they have a legitimate interest in, or may be affected by, IRMP proposals.

- The scope of the consultation undertaken will be proportionate to the nature and extent of any changes proposed.
7. The consultation will commence following approval of the Action Plan by the FRA on 25 June 2010, for a 12 week period.
 8. Our Consultation Plan involves all our stakeholders, both internal and external including:
 - Staff in all Districts, including our retained duty staff, and our support staff
 - Representative bodies
 - Public Focus Groups and Community Safety Events
 - Authority Members, Parish Councils
 - Partner Organisations
 9. The consultation will use a variety of methods including face-to-face discussion groups, mail shots, email campaigns and internet/web based opportunities for people to respond.
 10. The IRMP Steering Group will meet to consider the findings of the consultation and the final version will be presented to the full Authority for approval in December 2010. The final approved Action Plan will form the basis for our corporate planning process for the coming year.

Corporate Considerations

11. A Business Impact Analysis form is attached at Appendix 2 to measure and address the proposals contained in this report. The form contains information on the potential resource implications, legal issues, strategic policy links, equality/ethical issues and risk management implications.

Supporting Information

Appendix 1 - Draft 2011/2012 Action Plan

Appendix 2 - Business Impact Assessment Form

Background Papers – IRMP Evidence Document
IRMP 2009 - 2012

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