

Report of the Chief Fire Officer

CRMP Extension

Purpose of report

1. To request approval to extend the lifespan of the current Community Risk Management Plan 2014-20 (CRMP) by one year.
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Recommendation

It is recommended that Members approve a proposal to extend the lifespan of the Community Risk Management Plan 2014-20 by one year.

Background

2. The Community Risk Management Plan 2014-20 (CRMP) is the Authority's overall plan for improving public safety, reducing the number of incidents we need to attend and, above all, saving lives. Members approved the publication of the CRMP on 1 October 2014 and updates of progress in delivering CRMP actions are presented in the Fire Authority Annual Reports each year.
3. On 12 September 2018, Members of the Policy and Resources Committee approved a plan to create a Strategic Alliance between Hereford & Worcester and Shropshire Fire and Rescue Services. The plan includes a proposal to review both the CRMP and Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service's Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP), which also runs to 2020, in order to establish a standardised methodology between the two.

Proposed CRMP extension

4. It is estimated that, given the complexity of the IRMP/CRMP process, a period of twelve months will be needed in order to allow sufficient time to complete the work. This work will be undertaken by Officers from both Services.
5. Therefore, it is proposed that the lifespan of the current CRMP be extended by one year in order to enable the review work to be completed. In effect, this would extend the CRMP to 2021. Members would still receive an update of progress in delivering the CRMP actions through the Fire Authority Annual Report. Members will also receive progress reports of the review and any recommendations for action as appropriate.
6. A similar request is also due to be presented to Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority.

Conclusion/Summary

7. The creation of a formal Strategic Alliance provides an opportunity to harmonise the CRMP/IRMP process across the two Fire and Rescue Services. A review of current arrangements and proposals for future alignment of the process is likely to take a period of twelve months and, therefore, extending the current CRMP by twelve months will provide the capacity needed for officers to undertake this work.

Corporate Considerations

Resource Implications (identify any financial, legal, property or human resources issues)	There is a legal requirement for all Fire and Rescue Services to produce an integrated risk management plan (IRMP).
Strategic Policy Links (identify how proposals link in with current priorities and policy framework and if they do not, identify any potential implications).	The CRMP is the overarching plan for delivering 'Our Strategy' through the effective use of resources and resourcing for the future, and for supporting the achievement of actions to promote the overall vision of 'Saving More Lives'.
Risk Management / Health & Safety (identify any risks, the proposed control measures and risk evaluation scores).	A Risk Assessment will be undertaken as part of the proposed joint working arrangements on the review. This will include consideration of corporate governance responsibilities to ensure there are no areas of concern.
Consultation (identify any public or other consultation that has been carried out on this matter)	Senior Managers of both Hereford & Worcester and Shropshire Fire and Rescue Services have been consulted, but no wider public or staff consultation has been carried out at this time.
Equalities (has an Equalities Impact Assessment been completed? If not, why not?)	An Equalities Impact Assessment will be undertaken as part of the review.

Supporting Information

None

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