

**Safer and Stronger Communities
Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

9 January 2020



**County Durham & Darlington Fire &
Rescue Authority Integrated Risk
Management Plan (IRMP) Three Year
Consultation**

Report of John Hewitt, Corporate Director of Resources

Electoral division(s) affected:

Countywide

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To provide the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee with background information in advance of presentation on consultation of County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Authority's (CDDFRA) IRMP annual action plan and consultation process.

Executive summary

- 2 The IRMP consultation seeks views and comments in relation to the three-year IRMP document, emergency response review, response standards, arson reduction, safe and well-being visits and charging businesses for false alarms from unwanted fire signals.

Recommendation

- 3 The Committee is asked to consider and provide comment to the CDDFRA IRMP consultation.

Background

- 4 The Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 requires the Secretary of State to prepare a Fire and Rescue National Framework. The Framework sets out priorities and objectives for fire and rescue authorities who must have regard to the Framework in carrying out their duties
- 5 The National Framework requires fire and rescue authorities to publish an IRMP, reflecting up to date risk information and covering at least a three year period. At its meeting in January 2019, the Committee considered and responded to CDDFRA's IRMP for the period 2019/20.

- 6 Attached in Appendix 2 is a report from the Chief Fire Officer providing information on the IRMP's content, options to be considered within the three- year period and consultation processes. A copy of the IRMP 2020-2023 is attached in Appendix 3.
- 7 Appendix 4 to this report contains a copy of the IRMP consultation document that seeks comment on the three-year IRMP document, emergency response review, response standards, arson reduction, safe and well-being visits and charging businesses for false alarms from unwanted fire signals. A question and answer booklet to the consultation is attached in Appendix 5.
- 8 The Chief Fire Officer will be in attendance to deliver the presentation attached in Appendix 6 and respond to questions from the committee on the IRMP proposals.

Main implications

Financial

- 9 The IRMP document reports that CDDFRA have a shortfall in funding of £0.460 million in 2020/21.

Consultation

- 10 Outcomes from this report and presentation will contribute to the Fire Authority's consultation on its IRMP.

Conclusion

- 11 The attached report and presentation provides an opportunity for Members to consider and comment on consultation proposals within the IRMP.

Background papers

- None

Other useful documents

- Previous Cabinet reports / None

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Appendix 1: Implications

Legal Implications

None.

Finance

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Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty

None.

Human Rights

None.

Climate Change

None.

Crime and Disorder

FRAs must have regard to IRMP policy guidance on community safety including wider public safety outcomes such as reduction of hoax fire calls and deliberate fires.

Staffing

None.

Accommodation

None.

Risk

None.

Procurement

None.