



Safest People, Safest Places

Combined Fire Authority

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Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services Action Plan Update

Report of the Area Manager Assets and Assurance

Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide members with an update on the current position of the Action Plan resulting from County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service's (CDDFRS) inspection by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS).

Background

2. The HMICFRS inspection of CDDFRS was completed on 19 July 2019 with the final report published on 17 December 2019.
3. The inspection assessed how effectively and efficiently CDDFRS prevents, protects the public against and responds to fires and other emergencies. It also assessed how well it looks after the people who work for the Service.
4. An action plan to address all improvement areas identified in the report was developed. The action plan highlights all the areas formally highlighted in the report as needing improvement and also any text in the report which identifies where the Service is not as good as it could be.
5. In total there were 57 actions across the three pillars of Effectiveness, Efficiency and People.

Progress against the Action Plan

6. Progress against the plan is reported monthly to the Performance and Programme Board and quarterly to the Service Leadership Team.
7. The action plan with updates recorded against all actions is attached as Appendix 1. To date 22 actions have been completed, with 35 ongoing.
8. Due to Coronavirus, several actions have had their dates adjusted. Additionally, some actions have had their dates revised due to the solution being more involved than originally expected. These changes of date are included in the comments section to ensure an appropriate audit trail.

Recommendations

9. Members are requested to:
 - a. **note** the contents of this report;
 - b. **receive** further reports as appropriate.