



Safest People, Safest Places

Combined Fire Authority

16 March 2021

Community Risk Management Plan Consultation 2021 Interim Results

Report of the Policy Support Officer

Purpose of Report

1. To provide Members with information regarding the results of the Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) Consultation which ends on 23 March 2021.

Background

2. The Fire and Rescue Service National Framework document places a responsibility on all fire and rescue authorities to produce and consult on their CRMP. These documents direct fire and rescue authorities to:
 - be accountable to communities for the service they provide;
 - identify and assess the full range of foreseeable fire and rescue related risks their areas face;
 - make appropriate provision for fire prevention and protection activities and the response to fire and rescue related incidents;
 - develop and maintain a workforce that is professional, resilient, skilled, flexible and diverse;
 - collaborate with emergency services and other local and national partners to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the service they provide.
3. The Service's three-year CRMP has been out to consultation since 8 February 2021.

Promotion

4. The CRMP document and an explanatory booklet have been published on our website together with the Community Risk Profile (CRP). Accessible versions of these documents have also been published.
5. In order to ensure that a wide range of views can be gathered links to an online survey has been made available via the website and is being promoted throughout the Service and beyond.
6. The information regarding the Consultation and survey was sent to a range of partner organisations in sectors including Councils, Police, Health, Voluntary and Community, Education, Business, Faith and Housing. Colleagues shared the information to encourage participation.
7. Covid restrictions have meant we cannot distribute leaflets in the usual way, engage at community venues due to their closure, or hold face to face events. Instead we have sent posters to be displayed in GP practices which also contain information about how to access the survey if you are unable to get online.
8. The Consultation is being presented at various online community meetings including at Area Action Partnerships (AAPs), and AAP Co-ordinators promoted the survey link to their contacts and on their Facebook pages where possible. We have also presented to the Durham Youth Council.
9. The consultation is being promoted extensively on social media. Since 8th February we have posted about the CRMP Consultation five times on Facebook with an average reach of almost 4000 people per post. On Twitter our tweets over the period averaged over 13000 impressions per tweet. There have been three LinkedIn with 353 impressions.

Interim Results (to 07.03.2021)

Number of responses to date: 169

10. Question 1

Do you have any overall comments about our CRMP and approach to allocating our resources?

Most respondents did not comment but where the free text box was completed in detail the following issues were raised:

- Fully crewed fire engines should be used rather than Targeted Response Vehicles.
- The plan is comprehensive and there should be an emphasis placed on communities being at the forefront of policy.

- Consideration should be given to the expansion of towns when deciding where resources are located.
- Rural communities should be taken into account in any plans.

11. **Question 2**

Protection: Should we continue to invest and prioritise Business Fire Safety activities to ensure the built environment within County Durham and Darlington remains safe for occupants and visitors?

Yes 90%
No 10%

12. **Question 3**

Emergency Response: Should we continue to trial the use and various crewing arrangements of Targeted Response Vehicles (TRVs)?

Yes 58%
No 42%

13. **Question 4**

Collaboration: Should we identify opportunities for collaboration with local Fire and Rescue Services and key partners?

Yes 96%
No 4%

Final Results

14. A report containing the final consultation results, together with feedback from meetings and stakeholder organisations, will be presented to Members at the next meeting for their consideration so they will have the full opportunity to approve the CRMP before its publication.

Recommendations

15. Members are requested to:
a) **note** the contents of the report.

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