



Safest People, Safest Places

Combined Fire Authority

20 June 2024

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

Report of the Deputy Chief Fire Officer

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 (CDDFRS) inspection by His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS).

Background

2. The HMICFRS round two inspection of CDDFRS was completed on 8 June 2022 with the final report published on 19 January 2023.
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 19 actions across the three pillars of Effectiveness, Efficiency and People. At Performance Committee for quarter two, the Service reported that 11 actions had been completed, with 8 ongoing.

Progress against the Action Plan

6. Progress against the plan is reported to the Performance Board and to the Service Leadership Team.
7. All actions have now been completed. Appendix 1 is the full action plan with updates recorded against all actions. Updates since quarter two's report have been provided for actions 2, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16.

Recommendations

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