

# Integrated Risk Management Planning

## Report of the Chief Fire Officer

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### 1 Purpose of Report

This report seeks approval from the Fire Authority for the current lifespan of the Integrated Risk Management Plan 2015-20 to be extended by one year in order to support collaborative working with Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service.

### 2 Recommendations

The Fire Authority is asked to approve the proposal to extend the lifespan of the current Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP 2015-20) by one year, to March 2021.

### 3 Background

The Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) 2015-20 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 IRMP on 25 February 2015, as part of its five year Service Plan 2015-20, and updates of progress in delivering the IRMP actions are presented to the Fire Authority through its annual reporting process.

On 10 October 2018, Members 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 IRMP and Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service's Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP), which also runs to 2020, in order to establish a standardised methodology between the two.

## **4 Proposed IRMP extension**

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.

Therefore, it is proposed that the lifespan of the current IRMP be extended by one year in order to enable the review work to be completed. In effect, this would extend the IRMP to March 2021. Members would still receive an update of progress in delivering the IRMP actions through the Fire Authority annual report. Members will also receive progress reports of the review and any recommendations for action as appropriate, through the Strategic Alliance reporting processes.

A similar request is also being considered by Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority at their meeting on 19 December 2018.

## **5 Capacity**

There are no capacity impacts arising from this report.

## **6 Collaboration / Partnership Working**

This work sits within the programme of works being progressed as part of the Strategic Alliance between Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service and Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service. As the fundamental planning tool used by all fire and rescue services, in agreeing a common framework and methodology for undertaking each Service's IRMP/CRMP, this will enable both Services to directly benchmark their current performance on all matters relating to the risk in their communities and the Prevention, Protection and Response activities used to control them. The results from this work will therefore help to inform on future collaboration opportunities between the two Services in all aspects of Service Delivery.

## **7 Community Safety**

Although there are no direct community safety impacts arising from having a joint IRMP process, as highlighted above, it is envisaged that this should lead to greater opportunities for the two Services to work more collaboratively on improving community safety into the future.

## **8 Environmental**

There are no environmental impacts arising from this report.

## **9 Equality Impact Assessment**

There are no equality or diversity implications arising from this report. An e-EQIA is not, therefore, required.

Any proposals for change that may fall out of future IRMP processes would be appropriately assessed.

## **10 Financial Implications**

It is possible that this may lead to joint procurement of the risk analysis work needed to be undertaken by both Services in order to inform their IRMP processes. This could result in reduced costs for both Services, but the quantum of potential savings are not known at this time.

## **11 Health and Safety**

There are no health and safety impacts arising from this report.

## **12 Human Rights (including Data Protection)**

There are no human rights impacts arising from this report.

## **13 ICT**

There are no ICT impacts arising from this report.

## **14 Legal Comment**

There is a legal requirement for all Fire and Rescue Services to produce an integrated risk management plan (IRMP).

## **15 Public Value / Service Delivery**

If approved, the Fire Authority will subsequently need to consider what it would like Officers to do in relation to the targets contained in the IRMP and Service Plan during the additional year. If approval for the extension is given, over the next 6 months Officers will review the progress made against these targets and bring recommendations to the Fire Authority on this matter to the Annual Meeting in June 2019.

## **16 Reputation**

There are no reputational impacts arising from this report.

## **17 Security**

There are no security impacts arising from this report.

## **18 Training**

There are no training impacts arising from this report.

## **19 Appendices**

There are no appendices attached to this report.

## **20 Background Papers**

There are no background papers associated with this report.