

To: Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority

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## Community Risk Management Plan 2024 to 2029

### 1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Fire Authority with an overview of the consultation feedback and final draft of the Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) for 2024 to 2029.

### 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Fire Authority is asked to approve, for publication, the CRMP for 2024 to 2029 attached at Appendix 1.

### 3. Risk Assessment

- 3.1 **Political** - the CRMP process, outlined in the Fire and Rescue National Framework for England, requires the Authority to look for opportunities to drive down risk by utilising resources in the most efficient and effective way. The CRMP has legal force and it is therefore incumbent on the Authority to demonstrate that its CRMP principles are applied within the organisation.
- 3.2 **Economic** - the management of risk through a proactive preventable agenda serves to not only reduce costs associated with reactive response services but also aids in the promotion of prosperous communities.
- 3.3 **Social** - the CRMP outlines how we will deliver services to our community. It is important that we engage with our communities to shape our activities and help inform our understanding of risks.
- 3.4 **Legal** - the Authority has a legal responsibility to act as the enforcement agency for the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. As a result, ensuring both compliance with and support for business to achieve are core aspects of the fire and rescue service function to local communities.

## 4. Equality Impact Assessment

- 4.1 Due to the discriminative nature of fire, those with certain protected characteristics are more likely to suffer the effects. Prevention strategies aim to minimise the disadvantage suffered by people due to their protected characteristic, specifically, age and disability.

## 5. Background

- 5.1 Government has placed a legal requirement on each fire authority to produce an easily accessible and publicly available CRMP covering a three-to-five-year time span. The plan must;

- reflect up to date risk analysis of foreseeable fire and rescue related risks that could affect Cambridgeshire,
- show how the Fire Authority will balance prevention, protection and response activities to reduce the impact of risk on communities in a cost-effective way,
- outline service delivery outcomes and how resources are allocated to mitigate risks,
- show that the Fire Authority has a management strategy and a risk-based programme for enforcing fire safety legislation,
- show how the Fire Authority will meet the needs of the community through working with partners.

- 5.2 Our CRMP covers all the activity we are engaged in to exploit opportunities and reduce risk. The current Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) 2020 to 2024 is in its final year with an action plan in place for 2023/24. Work has been conducted to build our five-year CRMP, spanning 2024 to 2029.

- 5.3 At the December 2023 Fire Authority meeting we requested permission to take the draft CRMP to formal consultation. This was agreed and the consultation has now been completed.

- 5.4 We received 22 internal responses and 42 external responses to the consultation with a separate representative body response to the consultation. The consultation closed on 31 January 2024 and we have now reviewed the feedback received and where appropriate made changes to the CRMP.

- 5.5 The consultation feedback summary is attached at Appendix 2 for information. This outlines the simple 'yes' and 'no' responses that we received. In summary most respondents, both internal and external, found the document;

- was easy to read and understand,
- included all significant risks for Cambridgeshire,
- included appropriate actions to address the identified risks and opportunities.

- 5.6 At Appendix 3 we have included individual comments made as part of the CRMP consultation where the respondent answered 'no'. Against each item we have added a formal response and made changes to the CRMP where appropriate. This information will also be published with our CRMP on our website.
- 5.7 The feedback from the consultation activities has been considered and a reviewed draft CRMP is presented to the Fire Authority for final approval.
- 5.8 Should the Fire Authority approve the CRMP we will move to preparing for publication on 1 April 2024; the current IRMP expires on 31 March 2024.

## Source Documents

Draft CRMP 2024 to 2029

CRMP Consultation Feedback

## Location

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Hinchingsbrooke Cottage  
Huntingdon

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