

COMMITTEE : North Northumberland LOCAL AREA COUNCIL

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TITLE OF REPORT: Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service: Community Risk Management Plan 2022-26 Consultation

Report of Chief Fire Officer Paul Hedley

Cabinet Member: Councillor Colin Horncastle, Cabinet Member for Community Services and Fire Authority Chair

Purpose of report

Following guidance from NCC Legal and Democratic Services, The Community Risk Management Plan 2022-26 is being presented as part of the consultation process which opens on 5 January 2022 and closes on 16 February 2022.

Recommendations

It is recommended that Senior Officers have the opportunity, should you wish, to present our Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service Community Risk Management Plan 2022-26, and that each Local Area Council contributes to the consultation.

Link to Corporate Plan

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Key issues

- Under the [Fire and Rescue National Framework for England](#) (2018) all fire and rescue authorities are required to produce an Integrated Risk Management Plan. This is now called a Community Risk Management Plan.
- According to the framework, each plan must:
 - Reflect up to date risk analyses including an assessment of all foreseeable fire and rescue related risks that could affect the area of the authority.
 - Demonstrate how prevention, protection and response activities will best be used to prevent fires and other incidents and mitigate the impact of identified risks on its communities, through authorities working either individually or collectively, in a way that makes best use of available resources.
 - Outline required service delivery outcomes including the allocation of resources for the mitigation of risks.
 - Set out its management strategy and risk-based programme for enforcing the provisions of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 in accordance with the principles of better regulation set out in the Statutory Code of Compliance for Regulators, and the Enforcement Concordat.

- Cover at least a three-year time span and be reviewed and revised as often as it is necessary to ensure that the authority is able to deliver the requirements set out in this Framework.
- Reflect effective consultation throughout its development and at all review stages with the community, its workforce and representative bodies and partners;
- Be easily accessible and publicly available.

Background

- Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service Integrated Risk Management Plan 2017-21 was extended by one year.
- Reasons for extending the plan for one year were deemed to 'have merit' during a recent inspection undertaken by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS).
- Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service is now consulting on its Community Risk Management Plan 2022-26, supporting the Fire Authority to meet its responsibilities under the Fire and Rescue National Framework for England (2018).
- Consultation opens on 5 January 2022 and closes on 16 February 2022.
- Consultation questions can be completed online by clicking the link <https://haveyoursay.northumberland.gov.uk/nfrs/crmpconsultation2022/> or by email fireconsult@northumberland.gov.uk to request a hard copy.
- Copies of the consultation questions can be provided in an alternative language on request. Please email your request to fireconsult@northumberland.gov.uk.
- The Community Risk Management Plan 2022-26 has now been developed, providing data and analysis on key fire and rescue related risks, and information on how Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service will work with communities to address and mitigate those risks.

Implications

Policy	The Community Risk Management Plan 2022-26 will inform all key policies for Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service.
Finance and value for money	The Community Risk Management Plan 2022-26 includes information on finance and how prevention, protection and community risk and response resources are utilised to remove or to mitigate key risks across the county of Northumberland.
Legal	Northumberland Fire Authority has a legal responsibility to produce a Community Risk Management Plan, and to consult on it.
Procurement	N/A
Human Resources	N/A
Property	N/A

Equalities (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	An Equality Impact Assessment has been produced and is attached for reference.
Risk Assessment	The Community Risk Management Plan 2022-26 is a risk-based document, capturing key fire and rescue related risks across Northumberland, and how the Service will mitigate those risks.
Crime & Disorder	Details on crime and disorder are captured within the plan.
Customer Consideration	The plan is customer focused, written to capture key risks to residents across the county, and providing details on how the Service will mitigate those risks.
Carbon reduction	A carbon impact assessment has been completed.
Health and Wellbeing	Details on health and wellbeing are captured within the plan.
Wards	All

Background papers:

Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service Community Risk Management Plan 2022-26.
Equality Impact Assessment.

Report sign off.

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