

## **REPORT OF THE LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY - 29TH APRIL 2019**

### **CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

The Chairman and Members of the Combined Fire Authority thanked Mr Kenny, Chief Fire Officer for his leadership and dedication to the Service and the communities of Lancashire; expressing sincere wishes for his retirement at the end of April 2019.

### **PROPOSED GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS OF THE BLUE LIGHT COLLABORATION PROGRAMME WITH THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

The Clerk and Monitoring Officer to the Authority presented a report that detailed the proposed governance arrangements of the Blue Light Collaboration Programme which outlined the role of the Combined Fire Authority (CFA) and the provision for dealing with input from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner whilst ensuring that the CFA retained ultimate decision-making responsibilities. It was agreed that a bi-annual Collaborative Working Group (CWG) with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner be held. This would be attended by the Chairman and the Clerk to the Authority on behalf of the CFA, together with the Deputy Chief Fire Officer as strategic lead from Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service and the Deputy Chief Constable on behalf of Lancashire Constabulary. The CWG meeting would provide oversight of the collaboration activity. It would also ensure the relevance to the business of the respective organisations and ensure alignment in the core roles of both organisations. A report of the discussions from the CWG would be made available to the Authority's Planning Committee.

### **ANNUAL SERVICE PLAN**

The Deputy Chief Fire Officer presented this year's Annual Service Plan (updated to be effective from 1 May 2019). The Annual Service Plan continued to provide Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS) with the platform to highlight the priority activities that the Service intended to deliver over the coming year. LFRS was leading improvements and innovation in the fire sector with some of the best firefighting equipment and training facilities in the country and a highly skilled and motivated workforce. The year ahead would build on achievements by staying focussed on continuous improvement that made the people of Lancashire safer, particularly the most vulnerable members of our communities. Many priorities were extensive, long-term initiatives that would transform the way we worked and bring lasting benefits. For the first time, this year's Annual Service Plan would be published alongside the Strategic Assessment of Risk. First published in 2016, this document had been refreshed for the 2019/20 year and branded to mirror the 2019/20 Annual Service Plan that it supported by capturing the dynamic picture of risk in Lancashire.

This year's Annual Service Plan was endorsed by the Planning Committee at its meeting held 18 March 2019. As part of an engaging communications strategy a short video had been commissioned, which would summarise the salient aspects of the Annual Service Plan in a succinct format. It was anticipated that the digital format would enable us to engage directly with a larger section of Lancashire's communities. The video was expected to be published on internal medial channels and the external website the following month.

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