

## Report of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority - 22 April 2013

### 1. Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan 2013-17

The draft Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) 2013-2017 provides details of what Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS) intends to do over the forthcoming four years to meet the challenging needs and risks within Lancashire.

Integrated Risk Management Planning is the way that all Fire and Rescue Services identify and manage risks. Maintaining a clear and current understanding of the risks that affect Lancashire's communities underpins everything LFRS does – driving its governance and planning arrangements.

The approach taken in producing the IRMP 2013-2017 includes a strong emphasis placed on engaging with staff at an early stage of the process.

Some of the key changes in the IRMP 2013-2017 are:

1. This is the first IRMP published in a fully digital format. This will enable LFRS to amend and add to it throughout its life to ensure that it remains a 'living document' during its four-year life. Publishing the IRMP in a fully digital format enables the use of alternative forms of media, for example: video footage, animation clips and photographs to enhance and strengthen the text whilst also making the plan a more intuitive and interesting document to read not only for our own staff but importantly for members of the public. This will also reduce costs when compared to previous printed versions.
2. A comprehensive strategic assessment of risk has been undertaken to outline the type of risks considered and how maintaining an understanding of the scale, nature and effects of foreseeable risk helps LFRS to provide effective and integrated prevention, protection and response services.
3. Our priorities have moved from two to four priorities to better reflect the areas LFRS will focus its activities and resources on. A notable change is the inclusion of the priority – *valuing our staff* which is in recognition of the hugely important role the workforce provides in 'making Lancashire safer'.
4. Our values have moved away from a prescribed national set of Fire and Rescue Service values to a set of values which are specific to Lancashire and defined by staff from within the Service through 'IRMP Staff Engagement Forums'.
5. Framing future activity around a twin approach – **Improvement Programme** and **Savings Programme**. During the period of the IRMP a programme of reviews covering all parts of the Service will be undertaken to drive out inefficiencies and identify any costs that can be saved. These activities will form the Savings Programme. Importantly, the Service will not stand still – there is a need to protect the achievements which have been made in making our communities safer and to strive to develop new ways of getting even better results. These activities will form the Improvement Programme.

The Corporate Risk Management Plan provides an important framework in order to improve our service and reduce risk to the community for the period 2013-17 and forms an integral part of wider planning arrangements.

The Authority approved the draft Integrated Risk Management Plan 2013-17 to proceed to public consultation on 6 May 2013 for a period of 6 weeks.

### **Member Champion Activity**

In December 2007, the Authority introduced the "Champion" role and allocated a £5,000 budget per Member in respect of three subject areas and in July 2012 the "Champion" role was extended to four subject areas. These positions are currently filled by: -

- Equality and Diversity - County Councillor George Adam
- Older People - County Councillor James Eaton
- Environment - County Councillor Shelagh Derwent
- Road Safety – Councillor Fred Jackson

Member Champions provided verbal update reports to the Authority on activity for the fourth quarter (January to March 2013). All have undertaken their respective roles in accordance with the defined terms of reference, and have made a significant contribution to their area of responsibility, reflecting great credit on the Authority as a consequence.

### **Retiring Members**

The Authority expressed gratitude to retiring Members who were not standing for re-election for their significant contributions to the work of the CFA. The Chairman also thanked all CFA Members, senior officers and staff for their support.

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