


Report to	<b>North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority</b>	
Date	<b>21<sup>st</sup> October 2024</b>	
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Subject	<b>Community Risk Management Implementation Plan 2025/26</b>	

## PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 This report is to present to Members;
  - (i) the Community Risk Management Implementation Plan for 2025/26; and
  - (ii) to seek approval to consult with the public on our proposed improvement and well-being objectives.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2 Under the Welsh Government Fire and Rescue National Framework 2016, one of the key objectives for Fire and Rescue Services in Wales is to continually and sustainably reduce risk and enhance the safety of citizens and communities.
- 3 The Fire and Rescue Authority is required by The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 to make arrangements for continuous improvement in the exercise of its functions, by setting itself improvement objectives in each financial year against at least one of seven functions. The public must be consulted on these objectives.
- 4 It is a statutory requirement of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 for Public Bodies to publish well-being objectives and to report annually on their progress towards meeting their well-being objectives.
- 5 The Wales Fire and Rescue Service Circular number: W-FRSC(2024)06 states that the duties under the 2009 Measure and the Wellbeing of Future Generation Act 2015 can be discharged through the publication of a single report.
- 6 The Social Partnership Duty, as required by The Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Act 2023, has been observed and the relevant trade unions have been consulted in the formative stages of objective setting. The trade unions have also received the draft version of the CRMIP 2025/26 and their response to the proposed objectives is

awaited. Any response will be reported to the Fire and Rescue Authority following the public consultation period.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

- 7 It is recommended that Members:
  - (i) Note the content of the report; and
  - (ii) Approve the draft Community Risk Management Implementation Plan 2025/26 for consultation with Fire Authority Members, staff, relevant trade unions, stakeholders and the public prior to approval at the meeting of the Fire Authority in March 2025.

## **BACKGROUND**

- 8 The approved objectives contained within the Community Risk Management Implementation Plan 2025/26 will form the basis of the second years activity towards the delivery of the five-year Community Risk Management Plan 2024-29, approved by the Fire and Rescue Authority at its meeting in July 2024.

## **INFORMATION**

- 9 The development of Improvement and well-being objectives, and subsequent consultation, has been brought forward in order to align objective setting with budget planning. This alignment should mitigate any significant in year expenditure, associated with delivery of the objectives, that had not been forecast.
- 10 Consultation will be hosted on the Fire and Rescue Authority's website, utilising a Microsoft 365 application, and will be run between the 22<sup>nd</sup> October and 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024.
- 11 It will be supported by internal and external communications including the use of social media.
- 12 It is intended that the draft Community Risk Management Implementation Plan 2025/26 will follow the Service internal and external consultation process and include Members of the Fire Authority, public, staff and other relevant stakeholders to provide

feedback, prior to publishing it following the meeting of the Fire Authority in March 2025.

- 13 English and Welsh versions will be available as well as an accessible, easy read format.
- 14 An Equality and Socio-economic Impact Assessment has been prepared and will be published alongside the consultation documents.
- 15 A Data Protection Impact Assessment has been completed in connection with any personal data that will be collected during the consultation.
- 16 Once the consultation has closed the feedback will be assessed and any necessary changes made to the Community Risk Management Implementation Plan 2025/26 before results of the consultation are presented to the Executive Panel on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June and circulated to the Members of Audit Committee.
- 17 The final version will be presented to the Executive Panel of the Fire Authority on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025 for approval and subsequent publication on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2025.
- 18 Once published, progress against the 2025/26 Community Risk Management Implementation Plan will be monitored through the Service Leadership Team's Performance Board.

## IMPLICATIONS

<b>Wellbeing Objectives</b>	The Community Risk Management Plan 2024/29 and the Community Risk Management Implementation Plan 2025/26 contain a Well-being statement as required by the Act.
<b>Budget</b>	The alignment of the annual objective setting cycle with the budget planning cycle should mitigate any significant in year expenditure, associated with delivery of the objectives, that had not been forecast.
<b>Legal</b>	The Community Risk Management Implementation Plan 2025/26 has been prepared in accordance with the relevant legislation. GDPR – A Data Protection Impact Assessment has been completed and reviewed by the DPO.
<b>Staffing</b>	None
<b>Equalities/Human Rights/Welsh Language</b>	An Equality Impact Assessment has been prepared and will be published at the time of consultation and publication.
<b>Risks</b>	The Community Risk Management Implementation Plan supports the Authority's risk management arrangements.