


Report to	<b>North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority</b>	
Date	<b>15 July 2024</b>	
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Subject	<b>Community Risk Management Plan 2024-2029 and Community Risk Management Implementation Plan 2024-2025</b>	

## PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 i) To provide an overview of the feedback received from the public consultation on the Community Risk Management Plan 2024-2029, the Community Risk Management Implementation Plan 2024-2025 and the associated Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA); and  
  
ii) To seek approval of the final version of the aforementioned documents.

## 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 North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority (the 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 annual well-being objectives and to report annually on their progress towards meeting their well-being objectives.
- 5 Welsh Government Fire and Rescue Circular W-FRSC(2024)06 confirms that the duties under the 2009 Measure and the Wellbeing of Future Generation Act (Wales) 2015 can be discharged through the publication of a single report.

- 6 In place of a new corporate plan, a Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) 2024-2029 has been developed, supported by the first of five Community Risk Management Implementation Plans (CRMIP 2024-2025). The CRMP aims to identify risks facing the community and describes how the Authority will manage those risks, and continue to prevent and respond to fires and other emergencies. The objectives have been written to take account of the requirements of both aforementioned pieces of legislation.
- 7 Support for each of the principles was as high as 97% (Protection) and no lower than 91% (Environment).
- 8 Free text comments have been included verbatim in the report's appendices, but there have been no fundamental changes to the draft version of each document as a consequence of the feedback.

### **OBSERVATIONS FROM EXECUTIVE PANEL/AUDIT COMMITTEE**

- 9 Due to the proximity of the Authority meeting to the consultation closing date, this paper has not previously been before Members.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 10 That Members:
  - i) Note the content of the feedback report; and
  - ii) Approve the attached CRMP 2024-2029, CRMIP 2024-25 and associated EqlA for publication.

### **BACKGROUND**

- 11 The Authority previously outlined its improvement and well-being objectives, in its 2021-2024 Corporate Plan. This has now expired and will be reported upon in the Annual Performance Assessment later this year.

### **INFORMATION**

- 12 Utilising best practice adopted during the Emergency Cover Review public consultation, the CRMP 2024-2029, CRMIP 2024-2025 and the associated EqlA, have all been subject to public consultation for a twelve-week period, which ended on the 16 June 2024.

- 13 A survey questionnaire, in conjunction with a number of face-to-face engagement sessions were utilised to obtain feedback on the adoption of Our Five Principles for keeping Communities Safe and the associated objectives.

## IMPLICATIONS

Well-being Objectives	The Community Risk Management Plan 2024/29 and the Community Risk Management Implementation Plan 2024/25 contain a Well-being statement as required by the Act.
Budget	Not applicable
Legal	The Community Risk Management Plan 2024/29 and the Community Risk Management Implementation Plan 2024/25 have been prepared in accordance with the relevant legislation.
Staffing	None
Equalities/Human Rights/ Welsh Language	An Equality Impact Assessment has been prepared and updated following the public consultation.
Risks	The Community Risk Management Plan supports the Authority's risk management arrangements.