



# Press Release

Press release from **Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service** and **Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Authority**

**Making Derbyshire Safer Together**

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## **DERBYSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE TO LAUNCH 8 WEEK CONSULTATION**

Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service (DFRS) is inviting members of the public to have their say in an eight week consultation regarding Our Plan 2020-23, the Year One Action Plan and also the Service's Medium Term Financial Strategy, 2020-24. The consultation runs from Friday 13 December until midnight Friday 7 February 2020.

Our Plan 2020-23, formally known as the Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP), is a core strategic document which drives all of the work of the Service, ensuring we are able to respond to all foreseeable risks in Derbyshire. The year one action plan sets out the projects the Service will be concentrating on.

The Medium Term Financial Strategy is a rolling four year plan that is reviewed every year and considers funding, savings and pressures faced by the Service.

Through the consultation, DFRS is asking members of the public for:

Comments on Our Plan 2020-2023

Comments on the Year One Action Plan

If people support identified areas for investment, including: Firefighter Safety, On-Call Firefighters, Training and Technology and Fire Safety Standards.

The consultation is also asking, if the government increased the precept thresholds, collected through council tax, would people support an increase of above 1.98% for Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service?

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Derbyshire's Chief Fire Officer/Chief Executive, Gavin Tomlinson said: "Although our last IRMP ran until 2021, we recognised as a Service, our risks and resources are changing. Future predictions indicate a trend towards an ever-growing and ageing population; increasing weather related events; a growing frequency of road traffic collisions; increasing demand on health and social care services and rising incidents relating to mental health. Therefore we decided a new plan was necessary to ensure we continue to prevent, protect and respond efficiently and effectively, meeting the needs of our communities.

"The consultation runs for eight weeks and we really do value everyone's opinion. It's easy to get involved and give us your views. You can visit one of our consultation events taking place across the county, access the consultation documents at eleven local libraries, or go online via our website [www.derbys-fire.gov.uk](http://www.derbys-fire.gov.uk) or alternatively, follow one of the links that will be posted on our social media channels."

Councillor Kevin Buttery, Chair of the Fire and Rescue Authority said: "We hope that by reading Our Plan 2020-23, our communities and stakeholders are as confident and assured as we are, that Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service is flexible and agile enough to be able to meet the demands of our emerging risks, and that we can provide a first class Service to those communities and continue to Make Derbyshire Safer Together.

Consultation officers will be at four venues from 10am until 2pm:

<b>Friday, 10 January 2020</b>	Swadlincote Market Place
<b>Friday, 17 January 2020</b>	Buxton Springs Garden Shopping Centre
<b>Friday, 24 January 2020</b>	Chesterfield Market Place
<b>Date to be confirmed 2020</b>	St. Peters Cross, Derby

Consultation documents will be available at the following libraries from Wednesday 18 December:

Alfreton	Long Eaton
Bolsover	Matlock
Buxton	Ripley
Chesterfield	Swadlincote
Glossop	Derby City
Ilkeston	

To read the consultation documents and have your say, visit [www.derbys-fire.gov.uk](http://www.derbys-fire.gov.uk)

#### **NOTE TO EDITORS**

The consultation documents will go live shortly after midnight 12 December 2019.

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