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DECISION

ITEM 8

DERBYSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY

26 MARCH 2020

REPORT OF CHIEF FIRE OFFICER/CHIEF EXECUTIVE

**PRESENTATION OF THE FINAL 'OUR PLAN'
(INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN) 2020/23**

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To seek approval of Our Plan (Integrated Risk Management Plan IRMP) 2020/23 following a period of consultation.

2. Recommendation

2.1 That Members approve Our Plan (IRMP) 2020/23 (Appendix 1) and associated year one action plan (Appendix 2).

2.2 That Members note the consultation report for both Our Plan and the 2020/21 budget consultation (Appendix 3).

3. Information and Analysis

3.1 In December 2019, a draft copy of 'Our Plan' (IRMP) 2020/23 was presented to the Authority.

3.2 Our Plan (IRMP) 2020/23 has been developed fulfilling the statutory obligations, as well as setting the strategic direction of the Service for managing the risks in Derbyshire and delivering the estimated £2.4 million savings required. Our Plan (IRMP) 2020/23 will be underpinned by a one-year action plan for each of the three years detailing the strategic actions for that year.

3.3 A separate budget consultation ran alongside the consultation for Our Plan 2020/23 and the final budget for 2020/21 was approved at the Authority in February 2020.

3.4 The formal period of public consultation on the draft plan and the financial strategy ran between 13 December 2019 and 7 February 2020, a period of 8 weeks.

3.5 The consultation asked for: comments on Our Plan; comments on the Year One Action Plan; prioritisation for areas of investment, a question relating to precept thresholds and a final question asking if there were any other areas DFRS should be looking at.

3.6 The full consultation report can be found in Appendix 3.

3.7 A total of 90 responses have been received by the end of the consultation period, with another 32 partials (started but not completed and do not form part of the 90 responses). Six responses were from the same respondent.

3.8 Comments on Our Plan can be classified into:

- Well written
- Not reducing services
- Looking to collaborate and work more closely with our partners
- Prioritising services especially when major incidents occur

4. Legal Considerations

4.1 The Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 Part 3 section 21 places a duty on the Secretary of State to prepare a Fire and Rescue National Framework.

4.2 Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Authority is required to produce and publish an IRMP in line with the requirements of the Fire and Rescue National Framework for England 2018.

4.3 Section 4.6i, of the Fire and Rescue National Framework for England 2018 requires each fire and rescue authority to produce an IRMP which must:

- Reflect up to date risk analysis including an assessment of all foreseeable fire and rescue related risks that could affect the area of the authority.
- Demonstrate how prevention, protection and response activities will best be used to prevent fires and other incidents and mitigate the impact of identified risks on its communities, through authorities working either individually or collectively, in a way that makes best use of its resources.
- Outline required service delivery outcomes including the allocation of resources for the mitigation of risks.
- Set out its management strategy and risk-based programme for enforcing the provisions of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 in accordance with the principles of the better regulation set out in the Statutory Code of Compliance for Regulators, and the Enforcement Concordat.
- Cover at least a three year time span and be reviewed and revised as often as it is necessary to ensure that the authority is able to deliver the requirements set out in the Framework.

4.4 Reflect effective consultation throughout the development and at all review stages with the community, its workforce and representative bodies and partners and be easily accessible and publicly available. Consultations should satisfy what is known as the Gunning Principles to avoid challenge and/or judicial review. The Gunning Principles are:

- Consultation must be at the time when proposals are at a formative stage
- Proposer must give sufficient reasons for its proposal to allow consultees to understand them and respond to them properly
- Consultees must give sufficient time for responses to be made and considered

- Responses must be conscientiously taken into account in finalising the decision

5. Inclusion and Equality Considerations

5.1 A People Impact Assessment for 'Our Plan' has been completed.

This report has been consulted upon and approved by the following officers:

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Background Papers:

Appendix 1: Final Our Plan (IRMP) 2020/23

Appendix 2: Year One Action Plan

Appendix 3: Consultation Report