



## Press Release

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

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### **INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN ADOPTED BY THE FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY**

Following a 10 week consultation with stakeholders, members of the Fire & Rescue Authority (FRA) have today voted and agreed to adopt the Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) 2017-21 and associated Year One Action Plan.

Consultation on the Draft IRMP began on 5 December 2016 and ran until the 12 February 2017.

The IRMP, which is a document required by Government, shows the risks in the communities of Derbyshire, how the Service will prevent and protect its communities from fires, and how it plans to respond when fires and other emergencies occur. Within the document are five Service development themes which allow the Service to focus its priorities; these are similar to previous themes as it is these that have helped significantly in making the financial savings the Service has needed to make over the last four years. These were the themes that the consultation sought comment from stakeholders on and have today been adopted by the Fire & Rescue Authority.

Speaking following today's FRA meeting, Chief Fire Officer/Chief Executive Terry McDermott said: "Whilst the Service is in a strong financial position, having already saved more than £6.9 million from our annual budget, there are still significant financial challenges that we have to face, with an anticipated further £1.6million saving required over the next four years.

"Through considered financial management and long-term planning we're in a strong position to meet these challenges and following today's decision by the Fire and Rescue Authority to adopt the Draft IRMP as a working document, we are now able to explore sustainable plans for the future, thus ensuring we continue to 'Make Derbyshire Safer' whilst continuing to

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Chief Fire Officer / Chief Executive



provide an effective and efficient Service. I'd like to provide reassurance, that any future plans to implement any changes will be subject to a full consultation with all relevant stakeholders.

“Finally, I'd like to thank everyone who has taken the opportunity to get involved with the consultation, expressing their views and ensuring their comments were considered and part of the report presented to the fire and rescue authority for decision.”

A copy of the IRMP is available online at [www.derbys-fire.gov.uk](http://www.derbys-fire.gov.uk)

**ENDS**

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