

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

15 APRIL 2013

1. **Community Safety Strategy 2013-2016**

Report of the Chief Fire Officer

RECOMMENDED

THAT the Authority approves the Community Safety Strategy 2013-2016.

2. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report is submitted for Members to approve the Community Safety Strategy 2013-2016 which serves the purpose of the Authority's Integrated Risk Management Plan.

3. **BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The Authority's Integrated Risk Management Plan 2013-16 (IRMP) is called the Community Safety Strategy. A draft version of this document, the approach and the questions adopted for public consultation were discussed and agreed with the Chair of the Authority on 12 November 2012.
- 3.2 Consultation on the draft Community Safety Strategy took place between 19 November 2012 and 4 January 2013, involving staff, representative bodies and members of the public, as well as local authorities and partner agencies. Members received a paper on the outcomes from the consultation at the Authority meeting on 18th February 2013.
- 3.3 An updated version of the Community Safety Strategy 2013-2016 is set out at Appendix 1 (available on CMIS). The Community Safety Strategy contains details of our risk analysis and is a key source of information in the creation of our strategic resourcing plans. The Community Safety Strategy will be hyperlinked to 'The Plan' once launched and 'The Plan' is submitted to this meeting as a separate agenda item (item 5).

The Community Safety Strategy has been amended since the February Authority meeting and now includes final details of the financial settlement and the Authority's budget for 2013-14. These changes can be seen in Appendix 1 (available on CMIS).

- 3.4 To enable the document to be revised as necessary, it will be maintained in an electronic format only. The use of an electronic format for the Community Safety Strategy will reduce both the production costs and the consumption of raw materials, in line with the organisation's Value for Money and Environmental strategies. This also has the advantage of being able to hyperlink key information from the strategy, in line with 'The Plan' to provide up to date supporting information.

4. **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

In preparing this report, a full equality impact assessment for the Community Safety Strategy is required and has been carried out. The EIA did not raise any significant issues to be brought to the attention of Members.

5. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Fire and Rescue Services National Framework requires the production of an Integrated Risk Management Plan, which covers a minimum of a three year period. The Community Safety Strategy 2013-2016 fulfils this requirement. The Framework is given statutory power by reference to it in the Fire and Rescue Service Act 2004.

6. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

The Fire and Rescue National Framework Document 2012

Executive Committee Paper 10 December 2012

Authority Paper 18 February 2013

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Community Safety Strategy 2013-2016

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