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REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

LOCAL (INTEGRATED) RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN 2004-2005 – IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the progress relating to the Year 1 Local (Integrated) Risk Management Plan.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The need to produce a Local (Integrated) Risk Management Plan (L(I)RMP) for 2004/2005 was specified in Fire Service Circular 7/2003. This built on the principles that were contained within the Government White Paper, "Our Fire & Rescue Service". This was subsequently enacted by the Fire & Rescue Services Act 2004 and its associated "National Framework".
- 2.2 As a consequence of the Government circulars, Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire & Rescue Authority produced a draft L(I)RMP for consultation at the end of October 2003. This consultation period concluded on 27 January 2004, and the outcomes were presented to the Fire Authority at its Members' Seminar on 13 February 2004.
- 2.3 Following an assessment of the consultation responses the inaugural Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire & Rescue Authority L(I)RMP was formally adopted on 26 March 2004 for implementation.

3. REPORT

- 3.1 Members will recall that the 2004/2005 L(I)RMP focused on targeting the principles and resources of the Service in Community Safety and fire and injuries prevention. The foundation for this rationale was driven by the fact that, at that time, the East Midlands had the worst levels of avoidable injury nationally.
- 3.2 The strategy adopted through the 2004/2005 L(I)RMP resulted in a number of individual workstreams to be actioned. These workstreams were all identified as outcomes of the consultation process and represented direct initiatives required to support the future ambitions of the Fire Authority.
- 3.3 A number of these projects were inter-related and the implementation has been phased to ensure appropriate resourcing and that changes are carried out in sequence. Attached to this report at Appendix A is a brief account of the current position within each project workstream.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications arising from the 2004/5 L(I)RMP were not significant in 2004/5 due to the nature of much of the work carried out. Much of this related to plans for diverting resources and preparatory work such as the purchase of the vehicle recovery vehicle and accommodation costs at Beeston for the relocation of the High Rise Appliance. The real impact of L(I)RMP 1 will be realised during 2005/6 in accordance with the figures set out in the Authority's budget papers for 2005/6, which demonstrates a significant re-allocation of resources both in terms of cash and people.

5. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

Personnel implications associated with this report are contained within the individual project workstreams.

6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

An initial impact assessment has revealed there are no specific issues of equality arising from this report.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

This report identifies to Members progress made against targets set as part of the inaugural L(I)RMP process.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

That Members note the contents of this report.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR INSPECTION

- Fire Service Circular 7/2003.
- Fire & Rescue Services Act 2004.
- Fire & Rescue Services National Framework 2004/2005
- Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire & Rescue Authority L(I)RMP Consultation Document.
- Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire & Rescue Authority Corporate Strategy 2004/2005.

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2004/2005

PROGRESS REPORT



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| L(I)RMP ACTION | PROGRESS REPORT |
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| Discretionary Mobilising | <p>Discretionary mobilising allows for the Control Operator receiving the call to determine whether or not an emergency response is required. Our policy was implemented on 15 July 2004 and since that date of 1442 calls received 759 (53%) calls have been classified as non-emergency.</p> <p>This has considerably reduced the number of "blue light" mobilisations and subsequently the risk to the public and other road users.</p> |
| Unwanted Fire Signals | <p>The Unwanted Fire Signals Policy saw us amend the weight of attendance at AFA activations. For life risk premises a two-appliance standard has been maintained. For those premises not considered a life risk an attendance of one appliance is provided. All attendances are on an emergency basis and can be supplemented at any time. The above policy was implemented on 15 July 2004. For the period 1/1/04-31/12/04, 4806 calls were received to AFA actuations; reduced attendance in line with the policy.</p> |
| New attendance response criteria | <p>From 1 April 2004 a new attendance standard was implemented to measure the effectiveness of the organisation's response. A standard of ten minutes was set for all incidents. This did not alter any fire appliance location, but provided the Authority with an alternative measurement of service delivery following the abolition of the Standards of Fire Cover. Current monitoring indicates that an appliance is provided within ten minutes of receipt of call on 92.5% of all occasions. These figures are an approximation as type and nature of call will often determine whether or not an emergency response is required.</p> |
| Co-responding | <p>Co-responding is the principle of an appliance being mobilised in advance of an ambulance to certain medical emergencies, when the ambulance response may be delayed. The policy has yet to be fully implemented but the following progress has been made:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Memorandum of Understanding has been developed with EMAS and approved by the Fire Authority. • All personnel at the pilot station have been trained in the use of defibrillators. • An inoculation process for Hepatitis B risk is about to commence. • An agreement for procurement of PPE has been made with EMAS. A sizing exercise is now taking place for the pilot scheme. • Mobilising protocols have been agreed with EMAS. <p>The expected "go live" date for co-responding will be Spring 2005.</p> |
| FSEC Development | <p>The Fire Services Emergency Cover (FSEC) programme was delivered by the ODPM in Spring 2004. Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service have developed the system carefully and are amongst those Services who have achieved most but are now in a position to obtain tangible results which will assist them when dealing with resource location and management issues.</p> |

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| Fire Safety Enforcement | With the forthcoming review of Fire Safety Legislation and the proposed Regulatory Reform Order, a restructuring of the Fire Safety Enforcement Department has taken place. A new group structure was implemented in July 2004 with existing staff being relocated. A wide range of Service Level Agreements have now been produced and the structure is fully implemented. |
| Ariel Appliances | The L(I)RMP proposed to re-designate the crewing arrangement of the two ALPs from wholetime to retained availability. The resulting resources made available would then be relocated into Community Safety posts. Both appliances are no longer permanently wholetime crewed, with interim "jump crewing" arrangements in place. The ALP from Central Fire Station has been relocated to Beeston as per the retained proposal following appropriate building works. |
| Jupiter in Notts | Jupiter in Notts is an initiative that was established about eighteen months ago as a partnership between several agencies that promotes data sharing and the use of geographic information to improve the quality of life within the County. Current partners are Nottinghamshire Police, Nottinghamshire County Council, Nottingham City Council, Nottingham PCTs and Ashfield District Council, with many other agencies enquiring about contributing. The planned website development is now being prepared for data sharing and the project now has a steering group within the Nottinghamshire Community Safety Board. |
| Arson Task Force | The Arson Task Force has now been firmly established and embedded within the organisation. A representative from Nottinghamshire Police has been appointed and has brought a new dimension to the arson approach. Significant results have already been achieved and initiatives are being planned in identified locations. |
| Community Safety | The Community Safety Department has now been bolstered by staff re-aligned from the ALP location and Fire Safety restructures. Staff are now in place to support a range of initiatives including Avoidable Injuries and Impact Roadshow. This will now form the foundation of the Authority's strategy to deliver a wider public safety agenda with realistic and tangible targets. |
| Risk Watch | Risk Watch is the training programme to increase children's awareness of accidents and injury. It commenced in the majority of City schools in September. All wholetime personnel located in areas where Risk Watch is taking place have received training to support its delivery. The next step is to move the programme out to the whole County. |
| Duty Systems | Good progress has been made in relation to reviewing and amending the existing duty systems employed by the organisation. A new Officers' Rota is almost ready for agreement and the appropriate representative bodies and management have agreed a way forward for negotiation in terms of the operational staff. |
| Regional Management Board | The Regional Management Board is now established and the Authority, through its Chairman, continues to contribute to its constitution. |