

## report

meeting	<b>NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM FIRE &amp; RESCUE AUTHORITY</b>	
	<b>POLICY &amp; STRATEGY COMMITTEE</b>	
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### REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

#### COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN 2007-10 (UPDATE)

##### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform Members of outline proposals for the Community Safety Plan (IRMP) for the years 2007-10, which represents the first annual adjustment to the 3-year planning process developed last year.

##### 2. BACKGROUND

The Authority has a statutory obligation under the Fire & Rescue Services Act (2004) and the National Framework document to produce an Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP). The Authority has produced a plan to articulate its vision and meet its statutory obligations over the next three years (Community Safety Plan 06/09). The plan is a framework document designed to show the priorities and direction of travel for the organisation. To ensure that the Authority is able to maintain an up to date process, the 3-year plan is reviewed each year. The updated plan will include the medium term financial plan for the same period.

##### 3. REPORT

3.1 The Community Safety Plan update has distinct sections in line with the National Framework document to represent the work undertaken by the Service as it strives to make the community of Nottinghamshire and the City of Nottingham a safer place to live, work in or visit. These are :

- § Fire Prevention & Risk Management ;
- § Working Together the Regional Approach ;
- § Effective Response ;
- § Resilience and New Dimensions ;
- § Fire & Rescue Service Staff ;
- § Workforce Development ;
- § Finance ;
- § Performance Management ;
- § Research.

3.2 The plan is a forward looking document and as a consequence will not now contain the successes to date as these will form the basis of the annual report to be published each June, along with the statutory Best Value Performance Plan. The Community Safety Plan will capture the intentions of the Authority in the pursuance of its vision and from this the annual plan will be developed to turn the vision into a reality.

3.3 The plan will continue to be developed over the next month and will then be subject to a risk assessment process that will identify any threats to aspects of the plan.

This will allow the Authority to maintain a register of risk to aid any future planning decisions such as resource allocation or changes in strategy.

- 3.4 The final draft for consultation will be presented to the Fire & Rescue Authority meeting on 13 September 2006. Following last year's extensive consultation process this update will be made available for comment on the Service website. This will then form part of the 3-year ongoing consultation process.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The final draft of the plan will include the medium term financial plan which will be agreed and ratified by the Finance & Resources Committee.

#### **5. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

Apart from those contained within the relevant section of the plan, there are no specific personnel implications.

#### **6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

The plan will be subject to an equality impact assessment and crystal mark, and will be made available in different formats to satisfy the needs of the diverse community within the Authority's area.

#### **7. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

The Service has to demonstrate a sound process for planning based on its vision for improvement and how it will satisfy its statutory obligations. Failure to produce a plan could also lead to direct intervention by the Secretary of State, under the provisions of the Fire & Rescue Services Act (2004).

#### **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Members note the contents of this report.

#### **9. BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR INFORMATION**

None.

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