

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee:	Hampshire Health and Wellbeing Board
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Title:	Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service Community Safety Plan 2022-2025
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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to inform members of the Health and Wellbeing Board of the draft Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service (HIWFRS) Community Safety Plan 2022-2025, and to seek feedback through consultation with key stakeholders.

Recommendation(s)

That the Hampshire Health and Wellbeing Board:

2. Note the contents of this report with particular reference to the inclusion of Health as a priority (page 7).
3. Partners provide feedback to the Area Manager, Jason Avery by the 23 March 2022.

Executive Summary

4. This is now the second Community Safety Plan which sets out our vision and aspirations in delivering safer communities in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. This plan aligns with the last three years of the HIWFRS Service Safety Plan. The aim of this plan is to provide clarity to the public, our teams and other interested partners in the areas of new activity the teams in Prevention, Protection (Delivery), Protection (Support) and Health will be working on over the next three years to improve our performance.

5. We in Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service (HIWFRS) take our role in working with our partners seriously, so a Community Safety Plan outlining how we will do this is an important part of sharing our vision of 'together making life safer'. This plan will be consulted on with partners and stakeholders across local authorities and blue light partners. We seek feedback to shape the plan and will use this as a platform for discussion to ensure our mutual aims are met. This document should be read in conjunction with the [HIWFRS Safety Plan](#) which supports our Integrated Risk Management Plan.

Contextual Information

6. The risks in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight change as the people in our communities grow and face new challenges. It is important for us to understand the way people live and how this affects our service so that we can suitably adapt our approach to ensure that we continue to make life in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight a safer place for all. Through our Community Safety prevention and protection work we seek to prevent incidents occurring in the first place, whether that's by providing free home fire safety advice or protecting people in their place of work through regulation of the [Regulatory Reform \(Fire Safety\) Order \(FSO\) 2005](#).
7. It is vital that we fully engage with our communities so we can understand their specific requirements and tailor our service delivery to meet their needs, keeping a person-centred approach. We also know that as our communities change we need to adapt how we deliver services to them appropriately.
8. Through our enforcement of the [FSO](#), non-domestic premises are safer than ever before, however we avoid becoming complacent about this as we recognise that new challenges are constantly emerging.
9. The recommendations from the Grenfell Tower inquiry will lead to changes in legislation and the way buildings are designed, constructed, and managed in the future. We must therefore build capacity and resilience into this plan to enable HIWFRS to be agile enough to respond quickly to changing demands whilst improving service delivery.
10. Our vision in Community Safety is to reduce harm from fire and other risks by educating our communities, and to make the built environment safe through engineered solutions and effective risk-based inspection programmes.
11. This plan will be achieved through matching our resources to risks, understanding where vulnerability and risks exist in our communities (by

assessing person, environmental and behavioural factors), and maintaining a well-equipped workforce with the right skills, values and beliefs to deliver this vision in the most effective and efficient way.

Performance

12. We will use data to inform our decision making, to prioritise our work to reduce risk and harm to communities and set internal performance targets based on known vulnerabilities. This will enable us to focus our valuable resources where they are most needed in the most effective and efficient way.

Our priorities

13. In supporting the [HIWFRS Safety Plan](#) we will focus on the following priorities which will help us to deliver our vision:
 - We help people to stay safe in their own homes
 - We work with our communities to prevent fires
 - We undertake inspections of buildings based on risk
 - We focus on higher risk places
 - We work with our partners to deliver shared outcomes – road and water safety
 - We work with the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care System (ICS) to identify joint working opportunities and improve patient outcomes

Consultation and Equalities

14. In addition to the duty to collaborate with blue light colleagues and work with local authority partners in Hampshire, Southampton, Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight, we also work closely with other partners both within the fire and rescue sector and across other areas such as health and wellbeing.
15. The value of working in collaboration with other agencies who also have a duty of care to protect people can never be underestimated, although sometimes this is difficult to evidence. However, we do know that we have shared goals and objectives which are mutually beneficial in achieving the common goal of making Hampshire and the Isle of Wight a safer place to live, work and travel.
16. Where the fire and rescue service are not the statutory agent for relevant legislation (Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004, the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, Fire and Rescue National Framework for England), we will work in partnership to support our colleagues in partner organisations to

deliver their priorities e.g., road and water safety, safeguarding vulnerable people and investigating the cause of fires.

17. Impact assessments have been completed through the HIWFRS Change Management Framework and are available on request. No significant impacts have been identified.
18. This draft plan will also be consulted with the Hampshire Community Safety Strategy Group, Hampshire and Isle of Wight PREVENT Partnership Board, and Adults/Childrens Safeguarding Boards in Hampshire, Southampton, Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight.

Co-Production

19. Shared objectives with partners are found within the following strategic plan owners;

- [Hampshire Safeguarding Adults Board](#)
- [Southampton Safeguarding Adults Board](#)
- [Portsmouth Safeguarding Adults Board](#)
- [Isle of Wight Adults Safeguarding Board](#)
- [Hampshire Safeguarding Childrens Partnership](#)
- [Southampton Safeguarding Childrens Partnership](#)
- [Portsmouth Childrens Safeguarding Board](#)
- [Isle of Wight Childrens Safeguarding Partnership](#)
- [Hampshire PREVENT Partnership Board](#)
- Hampshire Community Safety Strategy Group
- Unitary and district Community Safety Partnerships

Conclusions

20. This is an ambitious plan to deliver but it is achievable providing good teamwork, strong leadership, hard work and perseverance is shown by all. The four department delivery plans outlined are already looking beyond 2022-25.
21. These will lay the foundations for future improvements and transformation in how HIWFRS will continue to make the communities of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight safer.

REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Strategic Plan

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	No
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	Yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	No
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	No

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

Document

Location

None

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

22. Equality Duty

The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by or under the Act with regard to the protected characteristics as set out in section 4 of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation);
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (see above) and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

23. Equalities Impact Assessment:

Impact assessments have been completed for the following areas;

- People
- Environment
- Liaison through the HIWFRS Change Management Framework has been with Learning and Development, Physical Assets and ICT departments.

The only significant negative impact has been increased use of petrol/diesel fuelled vehicles. This will be mitigated through better planning of routes and use of electric alternatives whenever possible.