

CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY

MEETING OF: PERFORMANCE AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE
DATE: 6TH JULY 2022
REPORT OF: DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE AND COMMISSIONING
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SUBJECT: ANNUAL RISK MANAGEMENT REPORT 2021-22

Purpose of Report

1. To present the Annual Risk Management Report 2021-22

Recommended: That Members

- [1] Note the report at Appendix 1.

Background

2. The Service's risk management framework is designed to provide a structured and continuous process for identifying, assessing, and responding to threats and opportunities that impact the achievement of the Service's corporate objectives.
3. Responsibility for Risk Management at Member level has been delegated to the Performance and Overview Committee. The Authority appoints two Risk Management Member Champions who attend Risk Management Board (RMB) twice a year. RMB minutes are presented to members of the Fire Authority for information.
4. The Risk Management function for Fire and Police is facilitated by the Planning Performance and Risk team, Joint Corporate Services.

Information

5. The Service is committed to continually improving the risk management process and practices. The Annual Risk Management Report 2021-22 is attached to this report as Appendix 1. It looks back to the start of 2021 and highlights some of the key activities and improvements progressed by RMB.
6. There is no doubt that 2020-21 will go down as a year to remember. Whilst the Service was dealing with the ongoing impact of the C19 pandemic, the Annual Risk Management report attached highlights that the organisation's proactive focus on risk management activities ensured that operational resilience and delivery of priorities was not adversely impacted.

Financial Implications

7. Any costs relating to implementing risk treatment plans are considered on a case-by-case basis and either met from existing budgets or referred to Service Management Team (SMT) for funding decision.

Legal Implications

8. Risk management can relate to legal aspects of the Authority's business; however, the content of this report does not have any specific legal implications. Any legal risks to the organisation are incorporated in the Service's risk registers.

Equality and Diversity Implications

9. There are risks that have equality and diversity implications, which are identified in themed or departmental risk registers.

Environmental Implications

10. There are risks that have environmental implications, which are identified in themed or departmental risk registers.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Appendix 1 – Annual Risk Management Report 2021-22