

## CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY

MEETING OF: CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY  
DATE: 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2018  
REPORT OF: DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE AND COMMISSIONING  
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SUBJECT: REFRESH OF RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

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### Purpose of Report

1. To seek approval of the revised Risk Management Policy.

### Recommended That:

- [1] Members approve the Risk Management Policy.

### Background

2. The risk management arrangements are now overseen by the Joint Corporate Services Planning and Performance team located at Clemonds Hey.
3. In October 2017 Risk Management Board (RMB) commissioned a review of the fire risk management policy to provide clarity on the approach to risk management with the introduction of the joint Corporate Services team.

### Information

#### *Approach to developing the policies/frameworks*

4. The team took the opportunity to simplify the current policies/frameworks in place for both fire and police and have produced separate fire and police policies/frameworks which have the same look and feel but have retained their separate brands and maintained the organisations current risk management practices (**See Appendix 1 – Fire Risk Management Policy**).
5. Both organisations have practitioners guidance in relation to their current risk management processes, governance arrangements and reporting guidelines. These are unchanged.

### *Approach to the assessment etc. of risks*

6. A common risk scoring matrix has been developed to support both the fire and police policies/frameworks (**See Appendix 2**). Having a common scoring matrix offers benefits in terms of comparison of risks for each organisation.
7. There are some slight changes proposed to the scoring matrix for fire with red risks scoring **15-25 (unchanged)**; amber risks scoring **9-14 (previously 5-14)** and green risks below **8 (previously 1-4)**. The revised matrix does however offer specific guidance and detailed descriptions supporting each of the risk scores for impact and probability. It is believed that this approach will ensure that there will be a focus on those risks that are seen as having higher importance should they occur. Police have adjusted their scoring slightly to align the matrices.

### *Recording of risks*

8. The Police have agreed to develop a prototype of the fire Cheshire Planning System, which offers the same quality of risk register presentation and reporting as the currently used excel spreadsheets, but provides a system solution with the extra benefits.

## **Financial Implications**

9. Each risk is assessed in relation to its potential financial implications for which mitigating actions will be put in place, recorded and documented.

## **Legal Implications**

10. Risk Management can relate to legal aspects of the Authority's business; however this report does not have any specific legal impact.

## **Equality & Diversity Implications**

11. There are no equality and diversity impacts arising from this report.

## **Environmental Implications**

12. There are no specific impacts on the environment arising from this report.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS: NONE**

**Appendix 1:** Fire Risk Management Policy

**Appendix 2:** Shared Risk Scoring Matrix