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Essex County Fire & Rescue Service



Meeting	Performance & Resources Board	Agenda Item	9
Meeting Date	30 th April 2018	Report Number	
Report Author:	Corporate Risk & Business Continuity Manager		
Presented By	Director of Prevention, Protection & Response		
Subject	Risk Management Draft Policy & Strategy		
Type of Report:	Approval		

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Performance & Resources Board approves the contents of the draft Risk Management Policy and Strategy document (Annex One) and the draft Risk Management action plan (Annex Two).

BACKGROUND - Risk Management Policy and Strategy

2. At the Audit Committee meeting on 15 December, the matter of risk strategy came up for discussion. The outcome was that the Service should consider a revised strategy, for subsequent submission to the Police Fire & Crime Commissioner, (PFCC), for approval. It is appropriate to consider a revised Policy at the same time. The attached draft, in Annex One, combines the Policy with the Strategy. The text on risk appetite is noteworthy in essence, a risk score on the Strategic Risk Register greater than 6 (by reference to the impact scores in the draft), will require escalation to the PFCC.
3. The Service also had an internal audit completed on its risk management processes and only received partial assurance for the third year running. A draft action plan is attached in Annex Two to ensure that appropriate improvement is made in a timely manner.

BENEFITS AND RISK IMPLICATIONS

4. The revised Risk Management Policy and Strategy is appropriate now that a new Chief Fire Officer/Chief Executive is in post to support the Commissioner going forward.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION

5. Nil at this time.

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

6. None at this stage.

WORKFORCE ENGAGEMENT

7. This paper was endorsed by the Service Leadership Team on the 17th April.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8. None at this stage.