High Level Action Plans



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BRAG status key

Colour	Blue	Red	Amber	Green	Covid -Deferred
Status	Deliverable complete		Potential issues –		Rescoping due to
		jeopardy of meeting critical milestones	attention need to meet critical milestones	(timescales, costs, quality)	Covid-19 constraints

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YEAR ONE PROGRESS

Continuous Culture Change (Year One)

Work stream	Actions, enablers and nudges that support our change	Owner	Timeframe	Status
Values and Behaviours	 'We are one team' HQ Day for our employees On-Call new joiners' event to recognise "we are one team" 	JS JS	By June 2020	KP Open Day and On-call event postponed until 2021 (earliest!) due to pandemic. Delay mitigated by seeking alternative ways to achieve aims – e.g. virtual quiz nights.
	Relaunch and expand 'a day in the life of'	NH	By June 2020	In place
	Cross-team group to review our Values	JS	By June 2020	Completed.
Recognition and Communication	Reward and Recognition 'Celebrating our People' event – revise to include more operationally focused awards and utilising 'everyone matters' programme feedback	HP	By June 2020	In place
	Thank you Thursdays	EC	By June 2020	In place
	Cross-team group to review our recognition approach	HP	By June 2020	In place – Recommendation was for more informal and immediate forms of recognition which have been added to approach
	Ongoing comms and actions around 'Everyone Matters'	JS	By June 2020	In place
	Launch of next phase of Dignity at Work training	NH	By June 2020	In place - Dignity at Work training launched and ongoing.
	 1:1 Appraisal conversations developed to cover wellbeing and recognition better 	NQ	By June 2020	In place
	 Introduce a range of staff networks, channels, forums, and opportunities 	CB/NH	By June 2020	In place
	Investigate a suggestion scheme approach	JS	By June 2020	Completed - Recommendation made
	 Visibility and clarity on the role of the Dignity at Work Supporters and how to access them 	NH	By June 2020	In place - dignity at work supporter details on-line and regularly promoted
	 Form Cross-team group to review how we communicate - feedback from 'everyone matters' programme to inform group discussion 	EC	By June 2020	In place - Your Voice Engagement and Action Groups launched. Survey undertaken.
Continuous improvement	Share the vision – managers briefing session	СВ	By June 2020	Completed – managers briefing in September
	Create success stories to share	EC	By June 2020	Completed
	Recognise good examples of CI in our recognition approaches	JS/HP	By June 2020	Completed – recognition nomination form amended
	Start to use the language of CI in our communications	CB/EC	By June 2020	Completed – monthly award covers "made a difference"
	Investigate and test Suggestion "box" approaches	JS	By June 2020	Completed – developed with the YV Continuous Improvement group – and now live
	 Map employee lifecycle and identify key touchpoints of frustration for employee or manager 	JS	By June 2020	Completed
	 Improve quality of Pre-employment and materials – and make values based 	JS/NQ	By June 2020	In place - interview questions and material now values based

	Review of recruitment processes to improve experience (speed and quality)	NQ	By June 2020	Complete – improvements in progress will complete for next WT recruitment
	 Reframe our induction – more SLT involvement, punchier and using more push/pull information approach, and welcoming new people to a service we're proud of 	JS	By June 2020	Complete - now working on second phase for more modular and 'owned' experience
Developing Manager Self Awareness	Encourage self-reflection as part of 1:1	СВ	By June 2020	Completed and now ongoing activity, The rollout of a 360 feedback tool has been impacted by to Covid- 19 but we addressed through 'leadership lite' webinars to deliver the same goal.
	Offer 360 feedback for talent pipeline as part of development conversations	СВ	By June 2020	Launch impacted by Covid-19.SLT completed – SLT completed, now rolling out as part of Leadership development programme
	Range of self-assessment tools made available	NQ	By June 2020	Completed
	1:1 toolkit and communication	NQ	By June 2020	Completed
	Appraisal toolkit updated ready for annual appraisal meetings	NQ	By June 2020	Completed
Recognising the benefits of reflecting the diversity of the communities we serve	Action plan for this theme has been expanded and is now contained in the "Fair Kind and Inclusive Workplace" section. Please see below	NH	By September 2020	See section below for details
Strong effective leadership and development	Scope and re-launch strategic level talent pool in line with revised leadership framework	NQ	By June 2020	Completed – Strategic level Talent pool has delivered key operational appointments during 2019/20. Proposal for phase 2 approved by SLT in August, to move to 2 separate pools – a succession pool and development pool.
	Amend appraisal and talent pool processes to reflect revised leadership framework	NQ	By June 2020	Appraisal and Talent pool processes amended to reflect revised NFCC leadership framework.
	Re-align external attraction and recruitment approaches to include better utilise social media, Jobcentre Plus, CFOA / NFCC	CB/NQ	By June 2020	Completed -increased use of social media linking into recruitment, with an extensive Facebook campaign supporting our recruitment. Now using NFCC channel for manager roles
	Proactively offer student placements as part of our social connection / external partnerships	NH/NQ	By June 2020	Working with Essex Cares Ltd as intermediary, pending easing of Covid-19 restrictions
	Create an overarching 2-3 year plan to develop a leadership community that is increasingly diverse and highly engaged	VH	By June 2020	Complete – recommendations made in Learning and Development Plan 2020-24 accepted and actions being implemented.

Fair, Kind and Inclusive Workplace (Year One)

Work stream	Actions, enablers and nudges that support our change	Owner	Timeframe	Status
Inclusive employer of choice	Exit quantitative and qualitative data will be analysed to determine key trends	NQ	By Sept. 2020	awaiting data on operational female women leavers, are we capturing reasons for leaving etc)
	Inclusion & Diversity Action Group to explore a range of positive action initiatives	NH	By Sept. 2020	Completed
	 Inclusion and Diversity Action Group will share information relating to progress against equality objectives 	NH	By Sept. 2020	Completed - Ongoing deep dive is being undertaken over 18 months with quarterly reviews in place to assess and capture progress
	 Review current employee networks and propose a proactive way forward 	NH	By Sept. 2020	Completed
	 Involve, consult and inform staff via Your Voice Engagement and Action Groups and via Workplace 	NH	By Sept. 2020	Completed
	Implement a best-practice Apprenticeship and Internship programme, with focus on increasing diversity	NQ/NH	By Sept. 2020	 on hold due to Covid -19. Partner identified for Apprenticeships For Internships - need to consider how do differently
	 Create Microsoft Teams & Workplace pages for all Inclusion & Diversity Forums to maximise participation from across the Service 	NH/VH	By Sept. 2020	Completed -Teams and Workplace channels are in place. In year 2 the focus will include sharing of personal stories using Workplace to increase engagement with the App.
Diversity Data	Encourage self-declaration of diversity data on our people systems to ensure a deeper understanding	NH	By Sept. 2020	Complete – targeted communications in June and weekly reporting to drive up declarations.
	Agree approach for managers to drive completion of equality data through 1:1's and appraisal meetings by explaining the role the data plays in driving workplace fairness	NH	By Sept. 2020	Complete – approach agreed to regular reporting to managers
	Introduce a Workplace Passport for reasonable adjustments to be agreed and captured	NQ	By Sept. 2020	Completed.
	 Report monthly on self-declaration completion rates of equality data on people systems 	NH	By Sept. 2020	Complete – reporting now in place
	Utilise workforce data to inform people impact assessments to support decision making, and report quarterly on how the data is translating into evidence led, improvement focused actions	NH/NQ	By Sept. 2020	Complete: We are now using data to support evidence-based decisions, for example this has informed the Whole Time recruitment programme, and have refreshed the HR quarterly and monthly reports to inform decision-making.
	Undertake Gender Pay Gap analysis to determine an action plan to address the gap identified	NH	By Sept. 2020	Completed - Gender pay gap for 2019 completed but further analysis using 2 years of data (2020) will be completed by 31 March 2021 as agreed with PFCC
Service Delivery	 Identify how employee forums could contribute to the development of People Impact Assessments to support changes to policy and practice for Service delivery 	NH	By Sept. 2020	Solution identified – contribution is via inclusion and diversity development plan. Each forum will have a representative trained to complete PIA once training is available
	Explore how we can provide a programme of holistic community engagement in order to maximise the benefits to the Community and the Service (e.g consistently sharing Prevention, protection and recruitment messages when engaging with minority communities)	NH	By Sept. 2020	Completed. Covid-19 impact - Risk and Harm model now in place and hand over to Prevention and Protection team

	Consult employee networks and Inclusion & Diversity Action Group on community engagement opportunities	NH	By Sept. 2020	Complete – feedback incorporated into Positive Action plan
People Impact Assessment	Commission training on People Impact Assessments	NH	By Sept. 2020	Commissioned - Training starts in November
	 Equality review of our recruitment and progression approaches and policies 	NQ/NH	By Sept. 2020	Complete - WT recruitment equality review approach and policy completed and confirmed by SLT. See Year 2 for further delivery actions
	Review of grievances for trends to inform CPD for Dignity at Work Supporters	NQ/NH	By Sept. 2020	Ongoing - Fortnightly call with business partner team is in place but no significant and immediate trends have been identified that can inform D@W supporters.
Dignity	Inform and educate our people:	CB/NH	By Sept. 2020	Ongoing: the "Working Together Well" programme covers:
	 Manager awareness sessions on getting the best from people including concepts of fairness and equality 	CB/NH	By Sept. 2020	Year 1 -Dignity in our workplace awareness (Completed)
	 Awareness raising sessions on a range of inclusion and diversity themes e.g. neurodiversity 	CB/NH	By Sept. 2020 *	 Year 2 - Inclusion and diversity including neurodiversity see Year 2
				Year 3 - Values and behaviours – programmed for 2021
	 Run Dignity in our Workplace sessions covering bullying, harassment and discrimination between groups of people 	CB/NH	By Sept. 2020	Completed - Dignity in our Workplace sessions ongoing., although programme has been slightly delayed due to Covid restrictions
	Re-promote and continuously develop our Dignity at Work Supporters	NH	By Sept. 2020	Ongoing work – and will be promoted via inclusive employers resources
	Review the approaches and time taken to address informal grievances	NQ	By Sept. 2020	Completed - This has been addressed through ongoing fortnightly review with NQ and business partner team – Continuous Improvement approach
	Measure Dignity at Work cases to determine trends	NH /NQ	By Sept. 2020	Completed- Now being delivered through informal HR case management as this utilises a recording system and with regular review sessions
Review and challenge	Utilise the ECFRS HMICFRS inspection report and findings to determine and support improvement	NH	By Sept. 2020	Completed
	 Identify a range of award opportunities that recognise good practice in Inclusion & Diversity 	NH	By Sept. 2020	Completed – target awards identified. Ongoing work will carry forward into Year 2
	Review progress against Disability Confident criteria	NH / NQ	By Sept. 2020	Completed as having met criteria. However ongoing work will continue once digital strategy is launched Carry forward into year 2

Wellbeing, Health & Safety (Year One)

Work stream	Actions, enablers and nudges that support our change	Owner	Timeframe	Status
	Review the wellbeing and occupational health service and offer to reflect learning from our experiences and postvention	NQ/VL/ Safeguarding	By September 2020	Completed review, plan in place based on postvention finings
	Ensure that our people have access to resources which will support and enable them to manage their physical and mental health, e.g improved signposting to internal support and external agencies	NQ/VL	By September 2020	Completed – wellbeing hub and tri-fold leaflet in place
	 In alignment with our engagement and cultural change activities, undertake regular pulse checks which reflect an improving wellbeing index 	NQ/VL	By September 2020	Completed - Pulse checks regularly completed at manager level, further pulse check to follow at appropriate time (overlap with HMI survey will create a short delay)
	Put in place mental health awareness training for all managers, Build the Oskar Kilo assessment for mental health awareness training	NQ/VL	By September 2020	Completed. Virtual MH training pilot delivered in December and will continue to be rolled out which reflects OK
	Establish clearer roles and responsibilities for managers, OH, HR and safeguarding to support a multi-agency approach\	NQ/VL	By September 2020	Completed. Roles and responsibilities have been captured in the Wellbeing policy
	Develop and implement a wellbeing policy, adopting/adapting the NFCC's model	NQ/VL	By September 2020	Completed. Wellbeing Policy consultation has now completed and the Policy has been published.
	 Establish regular occupational health promotions that align with national awareness days, e.g, mental health, as well as Service priorities 	NQ/VL	By September 2020	Completed – a series of health promotions have been initiated, with particular focus on mental health and wellbeing during pandemic
Financial Wellbeing	Flexible benefits including discounts for medical and health care are developed and more visible to our employees	NQ	By December 2020	Completed; HR intranet updated and Sharepoint site developed.
	We work with partner organisations to increase and promote benefits to staff	NQ	By December 2020	Completed; HR intranet updated and Sharepoint site developed
	We review the employee assistance offer to close any financial wellbeing gaps	NQ / VL	By December 2020	Completed - and will also be considered as part of the medium- term financial plan potential collaborative options looking forwards for further opportunities.
	We review the pre-retirement offer to ensure that remains fit for purpose	NQ and L&D	By December 2020	Completed
	We provide signposting to external agencies for support and advice on financial matters	NQ	By December 2020	Completed

Resourcing and Talent (Year One)

Work stream	Actions, enablers and nudges that support our change	Owner	Timeframe	Status
Workforce Plans	Develop an approach to strategic workforce planning that is owned by Service managers and facilitated by HR to deliver right people and skills when we need them at the right time	NQ /VH	By April 2020	Completed – Workplace plan has been presented to SLT and is now in place
	Identify resource gaps in the near, medium and long and interventions to address capacity and capability issues; facilitate delivery of planned interventions	NQ /VH	By April 2020	Completed – Workplace plan has been presented to SLT and is now in place
	Optimise resources by establishing make/buy/reduce principles	NQ /VH	By April 2020	Completed – Workplace plan has been presented to SLT and is now in place
	Review workforce plan progress 6 monthly	NQ / VH	By April 2020	Completed – Workplace plan has been presented to SLT and is now in place
Service Delivery	Reorganise and refocus the HR Department and ways of working through reorganisation to ensure a people-centred approach	NQ / VH	By Sept 2020	Completed – restructure complete
	Review recruitment, assessment/selection and pre-employment/on-boarding arrangements, updating policies and supporting guidance and toolkits	NQ	By Sept 2020 *	Part Completed: 1. Completed for recruitment and operational assessment/selection.
	Propose the date to complete the last part of this objective is amended to reflect the NFCC people policy schedule as well as the ECFRS / Rep Body agreed policy review schedule –deadline to complete to be 26 February 2021			 Guidance and toolkits will be linked to the newly adopted formal policy review schedule (programmed for 18January – 26 February) as well as NFCC People Policy panel schedule (Adopt / Adapt methodology).
	Develop and implement metrics that support evidence based decisions and deliver measurable service performance improvements	NQ	By Sept 2020	Completed – quarterly and monthly HR reports now published
Systems	Implement applicant tracking system This deliverable is delayed because of current system failing user acceptance testing, and then need to explore alternatives. We propose the timeline is amended to end March 2021 to allow time for this to be completed.	NQ	By Sept 2020 By end March 2021	Complete – The proposed system (Civica) failed UAT for WT recruitment. Alternatives are being explored with a view to implementing one pan-Service recruitment system by end March 2021.
	Optimise existing systems, reduce manual interventions and establish automated workflows This deliverable is delayed because of current system failing user acceptance testing, and then need to explore alternatives. We propose the timeline is amended to end March 2021 to allow time for this to be completed.	NQ	By Sept 2020 By end March 2021	Part Completed: – Core HR activities changes have been fully implemented in the HR processes, but automated workflows are pending a recruitment tracking system which as noted above, Pending this, Athena and Civica system have been tweaked to reduce manual interventions as an interim measure.
	Develop recruitment, on-boarding and relevant digital/on-line materials which support our workflows through interactive technology	NQ	By Sept 2020	Completed – see above
Talent Attraction	Create a values led approach to language and branding in all our talent attraction activities from initial vacancy post/recruitment campaign, through to and including on-boarding	NQ / VH	By September 2020	Completed – SLT paper confirmed approach in August, and most recently WT recruitment is now working with Values-based interview approach

Improve the candidate experience by providing a single point of contact and higher touch to support managers and by putting in place processes and internal SLAs This deliverable is delayed because of current system failing user acceptance testing, and then need to explore alternatives. We propose the timeline is amended to end March 2021 to allow time for this to be completed	NQ	By September 2020	In progress – progress has been delayed due to system implementation issues as noted above, but is expected by end March 2021
Establish a consistent approach to advertising every role	NQ	By September 2020	Objective complete – the approach is now agnostic of grey/green book and based on skills, knowledge ad experiences. To be fully complete this needs to be formalised in policy and accompanying guidance: the policy is now part of the formal policy review schedule and is expected to be completed by 23 February 2021.
Develop and implement a suite of assessment materials and methodologies for whole time, on-call and other staff groups that enable us to attract and on-board a more diverse workforce	NQ	By September 2020	Complete – whole time campaign commences in August with new materials and methodologies, this includes wholesale revision to our end-to-end recruitment process ad methodologies.
 Review the measurable impact of the changes that we make to our assessment and selection approaches This deliverable is delayed because of current system failing user acceptance testing, and then need to explore alternatives. We propose the timeline is amended to end September 2021 to allow time for the review to be undertaken 	NQ	By September 2020	Delayed due to systems issues – see proposed amendment to timelines.

Leadership and Development (Year One)

Work stream	Actions, enablers and nudges that support our change	Owner	Timeframe	Status
Leadership Development	Adopt the NFCC Leadership Framework and Core Learning Pathway	CB/KS	By September 2020	Completed - 4-year plan approved by Strategic Board in June 2020
	Offer development opportunities that link to each element of the framework and pathway	CB/KS	By September 2020	Completed – webinar 'light' options being offered in a Covid-safe format. 21st Century Leadership and ILM starting in September. Commissioning for 4-year programme begun.
	Commission a 4 year programme that introduces managers to a people centre philosophy that prioritises positive behaviours, staff motivation, engagement and personal accountability	CB/KS	By September 2020	Completed - tendering is in progress: partner selection will award in November
	Begin an interim programme that offers the potential for mindset shift – 360 feedback, coaching and solution focussed thinking	CB/KS	By September 2020	Completed – 21 st Century Leadership programme commissioned and begins in September.
	Relaunch our coaching offer with internal and external coaches	CB/KS	By September 2020	Completed – 21 coaching partnerships currently in place.
	Explore concept of a Leadership Community	CB/KS	By September 2020	Competed and launched for 3 month trial. Initial review now underway.
Professional Development	Plan and commission departmental training plans	CB/KS	By September 2020	Complete – all departments have training plans in place, and plans are ongoing reviewed
	Plan and commission training plans that address essential skills included inclusion, diversity, behaviours, performance management, industrial relations and handling discipline and grievances	CB/KS	By September 2020	Commissioning begun as part of core learning pathways; placing individual RFQ's by subject. selection takes place in mid-November.
	Ensure that the voice of our learners is heard through the Learning and Development Advisory Group and other feedback mechanisms	CB/KS	By September 2020	Completed with L&D advisory group and will be ongoing.
	Conduct People Impact Assessments for each learning option that we provide	CB/KS	By September 2020	Completed December
Personal Development	Develop our succession planning approach so that we are developing people with potential to fill key roles	NQ	By September 2020	Complete – Leadership, Resourcing and Succession Planning approach confirmed by SLT
	Ensure appraisal offer is differentiated as part of enabling people to develop their career options	NQ / VH	By September 2020	Completed and ongoing. Complete – linked into Talent arrangements using NFCC leadership framework, and capturing appraisals on Civica
Core Training	Review the training that we consider to be mandatory	CB/KS	By September 2020	Completed and ongoing. Complete
	Ensure compliance with mandatory training Questions of data integrity caused by concerns with old data recording and manual transfer process, suggest revised timeline is tied to rollout of new system in 2021	CB/KS	By September 2020	In progress - New modules in place for 1 st quarter 2021 Tracking and reporting process in place. Compliance significantly increased but still at circa 84% completion

Operational Training (Year One)

Workstrea m	Actions, enablers and nudges that support our change	owner	Time frame	Status
Assurance of Competence	Complete Phase 1 Core Skills Assurance Programme	PC	By April 2020	On track - First phase of phase 1 completed. Full phase 1 due to complete in April 2021 and on track.
	 Phase 2 Core Skills Assurance Programme 20% complete 50% of Crew Managers will have completed 'Train the Trainer' 50% of Watch Managers will be assessors 50% of Station Managers will be verifiers 	PC	By April 2020	Programme being reviewed to accommodate Covid-19
Delivery of the operational training plan	 Recruit and train 4 x Group Trainers to support Crew, Watch and Station Managers, to deliver greater levels of station-based training, through locally led development 	PC	By April 2020	Complete
2019-2022	 Align Group Trainers to Whole Time Watch Rotas in order to support suitable delivery across <u>all duty systems</u>, including evenings and weekends 	PC	By April 2020	Complete
	 Complementary Support Trainers will deliver a variety of Training on their Watch, Station and on request, to support the Operational Training Department across the County 	PC	By April 2020	Complete
	 Group and Support Trainers are able to train in the following response elements which are linked to the Fire Professional Framework; Core Skills BA-Cold and Hot Smoke RTC Working at Heights Water Rescue Incident Command 	PC	By April 2020	Complete
	Commission Fire Service College to deliver three basic skills training courses will be underway	PC	By April 2020	Complete
	Develop and enhance the current programme of Prevention and Protection training to meet emerging needs	PC	By April 2020	Ongoing – Covid-19 restrictions have provided additional opportunities to consider Prevention training on station. Now rolling out some remote learning w.e.f. Feb. 2021.
	Set up governance boards (Steering Group and Advisory Group)	PC	By April 2020	Complete
Review and upgrade of	Review all training facilities across our estate,	PC	By April 2020	Complete
training facilities	 Provide a report that describes the 'as is' condition of facilities, outlines the facilities required to deliver our training plan and describes any gap that may exist 	PC	By April 2020	Complete
	 Provide an options plan to bridge the gap, explore collaborative opportunities to bridge the gap, 	PC	By April 2020	Complete
	 Identify necessary capital expenditure and revenue funding that is required, draw up project plans 	PC	By April 2020	Complete

	•	Begin any necessary refurbishment of facilities	PC	By April 2020	Refurbishment has begun.
	•	Ensure that we have hot fire training facilities	PC	By April 2020	Complete
Delivery of casualty care training	•	Ensure 50% of firefighters have accessed the two-day course	PC	By April 2020	Complete
Training	•	Review and streamline existing training library	PC	By April 2020	Complete
library review	•	Two products produced as exemplars of good practice	PC	By April 2020	Complete

YEAR TWO PROGRESS

Continuous Culture Change (Year Two)

Work stream	Actions, enablers and nudges that support our change	Owner	Timeframe	Status
Values and Behaviours	Relaunch our values and build behaviours that underpin these – linked to the national leadership framework	JS	By June 2021	In Progress – Clear underpinning Behaviours to support the Service Values were delivered by the Your Voice action and engagement group, and completed formal consultation.
	Complete embedding Values in all policies and processes	JS	By June 2021	In progress and On Track. – The Policy Review Schedule is in place with supporting collateral and workshop completed to support 'Adult to Adult' policy wording that embraces our Service Values
	Embed Service wide event to celebrate "We are one team"	JS	By June 2021	On hold due to Covid-19 impact.
Recognition and communication	Continue to re-align Reward and Recognition to our values and priorities	NQ/EC	By June 2021	On track and ongoing – providing access to a wider range of benefits via Essex County Council and work ongoing to publicise these.
	 Develop e-Thank you process for peer to peer feedback, aligned to Values and behaviours Feedback from employees is that this is no longer an appropriate goal as a separate process. To encourage informal recognition and thanks via our current communication routes (face to face, Phone, eMail, Teams, Workplace) is more valued, is simpler, and offers multiple routes for personal preference of delivery. Propose amending goal to 'develop campaign to build on success 	NQ	By June 2021	On hold - work commenced to identify potential solutions however early feedback is that a separate process is unlikely to be well utilised. Therefore this is now paused while an amended proposal is made (see left)
	of Thank You Thursdays to create an environment where giving thanks is part of our 'DNA'			
	Engagement survey revamped and revitalised Propose this is clarified to include greater focus and support for post-survey action planning: Develop an approach to post engagement survey action planning that identifies, prioritises and addresses key barriers to engagement as reported through our survey and focus groups approach	JS	By June 2021	On Track - Engagement Survey closed in December 2020. Revamped and revitalised approach led to an increase in participation rate from 35% to 56%, and an overall increase in engagement outcomes which is now at 72% above the Sector benchmark. Active action planning is now taking place, and follow up Focus Groups will go live in February to articulate strategic issues and potential approaches .
	 Encouragement for active participation in a range of forums contributing to organisational development Propose this now includes: opportunities for action learning sets and task and finish groups to contribute to organisational development, to be included in the Year 3 (July 2021 to June 2022) deliverables 	СВ	By June 2021	Completed. Your Voice Engagement and Action Groups active throughout 2020 and a number of outcomes achieved. Next phase for 2021 being planned., to be linked to delivery of the Annual Plan.
	 Process developed to support improved completion of People impact assessments for all new policies, policy updates and projects, and ensuring these are informed by Staff Networks as well as Representative Bodies 	NH	By June 2021	Completed – with policy writers and other stakeholderscompleting training in December 2020

	 Explore social media channels for internal and external engagement linked to Service digital strategy. We consider we have moved on from this already with Workplace internally and Facebook externally actively in use and therefore propose we change this to: Review and measure engagement via internal and external channels, and evolve to further engage or reach more audiences 	CB/EC	By June 2021	Completed - Up and running.
	Develop manager toolkit to better equip managers with the skills to communicate brilliantly with their teams	CB/EC	By June 2021	Not yet started – outline plan is to research via a pulse survey and focus groups to obtain gap analysis between what is needed and current
Continuous improvement	Fully implement Suggestions "box" approach We have moved forward faster than expected on this and have already implemented a trial solution. Propose this objective is therefore amended to; Review success of 'New Ideas' scheme, determine how effectively the scheme is run, and identify lessons to continually improve our approach to listening and acting on feedback	JS	By June 2021	Completed October 2020. manager briefing completed in September and trial approach launched in October
	Recognise good examples of CI in our recognition approaches	JS/NQ	By June 2021	Completed - This is now included as a reminder within the formal nomination form. We also expect to informally recognise good examples of CI as part of the trial suggestion scheme moving forwards
	Highlighting CI as a key ask in our recruitment and development testing	CB/JS/NQ	By June 2021	Completed Initiated via Values-based interviewing. For example: for upcoming WT recruitment this is covered as 1 of the 7 questions asked, and will also be included within the talent pool question-set when these are next run
	Review and process re-engineer the remaining lifecycle 'points of frustration' to embed slick processes	JS	By June 2021	In progress –digital material to support on-boarding is now finalised, improvements to the recruitment process are in place and work is now in progress on improving the exit experience
Developing Manager Self Awareness	 Relaunch coaching and extend offer through Service, to include mixing staff from different backgrounds and groups as a feature of our leadership framework Having already relaunched our offering we propose this objective could be developed further to drive increased performance, accountability, and service improvement. Proposal 1: Extend coaching offering to include mentoring, external coaching into the Service, and offering coaching to partner organisations. Proposal 2: Identify and deploy self-awareness tools e.g. SDI/Insights/MBTI to stimulate growth mindset – opportunities for increased self-awareness and self-development. See the separate proposed objective under Leadership and Development Year 2 	СВ	By June 2021	On Track –access to a number of high quality external coaches., and direct access to internal coaches, with positive feedback from managers accessing coaching
	Drive high-performing teams by developing tools and methodologies to enable performance conversations	NQ/KS/JS	By June 2021	Year 1 complete. Next step is for exploration and discovery utilising talent pool and ELT to generate insights and identify what leadership traits in our Service that enable high performing teams to thrive.

	Develop and implement tools to identify high performing individuals and nurture for talent pool	NQ/KS/JS	By June 2021	Not yet started
Recognising the benefits of reflecting the diversity of the communities	Consult employee networks on community engagement opportunities and service delivery changes to ensure we make informed decisions and capture a range of views and ideas to maximise opportunities	NH	By June 2021	In progress: increased representation of stakeholders now attending IDAG to make this action easier to progress as part of our continual improvement
we serve	Implement a programme of holistic community engagement to maximise the benefits to the Community and the Service (e.g consistently sharing Prevention, protection and recruitment messages when engaging with minority communities)	NH	By June 2021	Community Builder and a Community Safety Officer have been identified to work with the positive action team to identify opportunities for holistic engagement - in progress
	Work alongside station management to ensure station Open Days can attract a diverse range of people from the surrounding community In light of continued Covid restriction propose this is amended slightly to include wider routes to community engagement than solely Open Days	NH	By June 2021	Not yet started – due to Covid
Strong effective	Roll-out full leadership framework package including assessment centres and new appraisal approach	VH/NQ	By June 2021	In progress – See update under Leadership & Development Year 2
leadership and development	 Targeted interventions for the 5-10% employees identified as hipotential employees – 'fast-tracking' Propose this is amended to reflect it is being delivered as part of the Future Leaders plan 	VH/NQ	By June 2021	In progress – PLEASE NOTE THIS ACTION HAS EVOLVED AND NOW FORMS THE FUTURE LEADERS PLAN
	Explore community-based recruitment routes to reconnect with our social purpose through wider inclusivity	VH/NQ	By June 2021	In progress – Outreach work in progress as part of the WT recruitment campaign
	One-year external secondments offered	VH/NQ	By June 2021	Not yet started – on hold due to Covid restrictions

Fair, Kind and Inclusive Workplace (Year Two)

Work stream	Actions, enablers and nudges that support our change	Owner	Timeframe	Status
Inclusive employer of choice	Recruitment data for all vacancies will be analysed at individual stages of the recruitment process by equality data to determine any disproportionality	NQ/NH	By September 2021	In place for WT but not yet for Support or Senior roles – process on track to be expanded
	Talent Pool data will be analysed at all stages by equality data to determine disproportionality	NQ	By September 2021	In progress – equality data currently analysed by gender only but this will be expanded further as the pool is refreshed
	 Positive action initiatives will be utilised to attract underrepresented groups in recruitment for all roles and for progression and development opportunities 	NQ/NH	By September 2021	In progress- Completely revised recruitment approach with positive action initiatives launching for Whole time recruitment in August 2020, wlll expand to other roles inc. apprenticeships in 2021.
	Inclusion and Diversity Action Group will review findings of surveys completed by our people in relation to their experience within the workplace to determine action	NH	By September 2021	On track - Staff survey to be considered by Staff networks and at March 2021 IDAG – no initial findings indicate a disproportionate outcome for any diverse groups. HMICFRS Staff survey to be considered when available
	Recruitment & Talent Pool assessments to include a combination of ECFRS employees and independent assessors from partner agencies or the community to reduce bias	NQ/NH	By September 2021	Started – exploring opportunities with NHS and Police and local councils to share interview assessors to minimise bias and maximise diversity
	Enable employee networks to thrive by agreeing objectives as part of an annual plan	NH	By September 2021	In progress- business plans being put forward to determine objectives, plan and budget
	Workplace Coaches are suitably skilled and equipped to coach neurodivergent people	NH	By September 2021	Completed – albeit with a changed approach to achieve the same outcome! Genius Within external coaching is now in place
	 Create a Positive Action engagement plan using a range of people from across the Service to talk about their role and journey to underrepresented groups and students 	CB/NH	By September 2021	Ongoing / Complete: Operational Womens group, Ethnic Minority forum and using advocates to represent
	Equality Representatives from all Representative Bodies will attend the Inclusion & Diversity Action Group quarterly	NH	By September 2021	All Reps to be invited to March 2021 IDAG and all meetings thereafter
Diversity Data	Analyse surveys and other qualitative data to determine action to support continuous improvement	NH	By September 2021	On track - Employee survey data now available (January) to enable analysis and resulting action plan. HMI survey feedback and gender pay gap information will be added in when available
	Encourage the sharing of personal stories that demonstrate Inclusion & Diversity in action	NH	By September 2021	Complete – ongoing
	Create a skills and experience database to support inclusive service delivery – language, cultural, disability, caring responsibilities	NH	By September 2021	Change to approach, we are becoming members of Inclusive Employers in February 2021 which will enable access to a range of resources and best practice advice
Service Delivery	Implement a programme of holistic community engagement that includes protection, prevention and recruitment messages	NH	By September 2021	In progress
	Utilise community data to inform community engagement initiatives, content, and materials	JP	By September 2021	This is part of the Prevention Strategy using the Risk and Harm Model, being led by Jim Palmer

	 Work alongside station management to ensure station Open Days are able to attract a diverse range of people from the surrounding community 	NH	By September 2021	On hold due to Covid
People Impact Assessment	Delivery of PIA's across all change	NH	By September 2021	In progress: introduced in Nov 2020, process being embedded
	 Continuously monitor review and improve our recruitment approaches to ensure they support increased diversity and inclusion 	NQ/NH	By September 2021	In progress
	 Review the people impact of our learning and development, absence management, modified duties, talent management, appraisal, disciplinary and grievance policies and consider the potential for differential impact 	NQ/NH	By September 2021 *	In progress as part of the ongoing policy review schedule.
Dignity	Continue to seek improvements to the way we tackle bullying and harassment	NH	By September 2021	In progress – regular meetings with HR and inclusion partner to understand B&H 'landscape' is in place. The next step is to explore how data and insights from Dignity at Work supporters can inform informal grievance trend analysis
	Provide Mediation training for Dignity at Work Supporters	NH	By September 2021	Due to a changed approach, we will no longer provide mediation training for DAWS
	We will have a full suite of Inclusion & Diversity policies	NH	By September 2021	In progress, workplace adjustments, transitioning, menopause, Transitioning policy being developed in collaboration with Cambs FRS as part of our Regional work, to be launched on Trans visibility day 31st March.
	 Ensure there are fair whistle blowing and grievance policies that are accessible to all 	NQ	By September 2021	On track . Grievance policy now re-issued. Whistleblowing policy is due for review and then formal consultation July to August 2021
	Provide Multi Faith Chaplaincy	NH	By September 2021	Not yet started
Review and challenge	 Undertake a self-assessment against the Fire and Rescue Service Equality Framework provided by the LGA 	NH	By September 2021	In progress: owners for all criteria have been identified and are providing quarterly updates
	Explore the use of external benchmarks that are aligned to the workforce demographic	NH	By September 2021	In progress: proposing we adopt Inclusive Employers and utilise their standard
	Submit award nominations	CB/NH	By September 2021	Not yet started

Wellbeing, Health & Safety (Year Two)

Work stream	Actions, enablers and nudges that support our change	Owner	Timeframe	Status
Good Lifestyle	Develop and establish an approach to sports, social and recreational activity so that our employees feel that the Service supports a fit and healthy lifestyle	NQ	By April 2021	Not yet started
	Invest in equipment and resources to enable station-based staff to keep fit	NQ	By April 2021	Not yet started
	Secure discounted gym membership which covers Essex	NQ	By April 2021	Completed – included in staff discounts
	Provide resources to promote healthy eating	NQ	By April 2021	Completed - Included in wellbeing Wednesday calendar/schedule
	Work with catering team at KP to offer more healthy choices	NQ	By April 2021	Not yet started –delay due to Covid restrictions requiring majority of employees to continue remote working
Health and Safety	Propose additional objectives as follows: • Develop and implementation of comprehensive Plan to support development of mental health awareness training for all managers, building on 'Oskar Kilo' initiative.	NQ	By December 2021	
	Undertake a review of physical fitness support available across Service and proactively propose, plan and implement a comprehensive upgrading enhancement to our physical fitness equipment across the Service	NQ	By December 2021	
	 Research and propose how physical fitness team can provide wider and more proactive management and interventions across the Service to support physical and mental wellbeing 	NQ	By December 2021	
	Research and propose the Occupational Health accessibility / availability and 'offer' for On-call colleagues	NQ	By December 2021	
	Improve processes - link OPAS (the Occupational Health management system) into the Core HR system to eliminate manual interventions, rework and missed information, to enable more effective support for colleagues with health and attendance issues	NQ	By December 2021	
	Systematically examine organisational stressors and mental health impacts, and complete risk assessment approach for those organisational stressors that can be targeted by interventions and policy changes to secure wellbeing; a healthy work environment; and that benefits to the Service and the public are identified.	NQ	By December 2021	
Financial Wellbeing	Propose Year 2 objective as follows: • As part of Covid related support, explore delivery of a financial planning seminar programme across a number of themes including bite-size learning on pensions, managing debt, planning for retirement etc.	NQ	By December 2021	

Resourcing and Talent (Year Two)

Work stream	Actions, enablers and nudges that support our change	Owner	Timeframe	Status
Enabling Growth & Development	Introduce the next generation of the talent pool arrangements make clear distinction between 'potential' and 'ready for the next role'	NQ /VH	By December 2020	Completed – confirmed by SLT in August review of workforce planning and succession
	 Design and develop internal and external pipelines for key role/capability types, specifically we will: establish arrangements for managing work experience placements and interns ensure that apprenticeship programmes flow from our strategic workforce plans create external talent pools via the ATS provide development opportunities for internal candidates including secondments, shadowing and project work. 	NQ /VH	By December 2020	In progress: progress linked to agreed workforce plan and apprenticeship hence, the timelines for this have changed slightly. Note: unable to progress work experience and placements due to Covid restrictions Also to note: requirement for new ATS is delaying creation of an external talent pool within the tool
	Propose new objectives for Year 2 as follows: • Propose and implement a comprehensive recruitment applicant tracking system that covers all staff groups and vacancies, and links dynamically to our core HR system.	NQ	By September 2021	Note - Currently we have two systems in place – Civica and Athena.
	Implement work experience and internships to strengthen our talent and recruitment pipelines	NQ	By December 2021	
	Explore potential for partnership approach to developing an operational fire-fighting leadership Academy to support our Talent Pool, to include external accreditations	NQ	By December 2021	
	Build a Career pathway proposition to help break down barriers towards career development amongst staff groups	NQ	By December 2021	

Leadership and Development (Year Two)

Work stream	Actions, enablers and nudges that support our change	Owner	Timeframe	Status
Leadership Development	Begin 4-year leadership development programme so that our people feel we have strong effective leadership now and in the future	KS	By September 2021	On track - Tender Submission is underway with a view to award in November.
	Explore opportunities such as direct entry scheme and fast track internal development to address future leadership challenges	CB/KS	By September 2021	On track – new approach launching, led through the HR team.
	Review coaching offer and monitor success Propose we can take this further to:	KS	By September 2021	In progress: early review of initial coaching offer has been undertaken, have received some feedback. Looking at alternative platforms offering access to monitoring and accessibility

Continually review coaching to ensure we offer a joined up and differentiated coaching offering that we can clearly measure and monitor success			
Propose additional objective: Explore routes to increase coaching through increasing manager self-awareness and exploring new approaches	KS	By September 2021	Introduction in group/departmental meetings started
Propose additional objective: Develop our internal coaching capability through consistent tools and methodologies	KS	By September 2021	Not yet started
Explore introduction of reverse mentoring Propose amending to: Create reverse mentoring proposal, and initiate guidance for fire fighters and senior managers to enable success	KS	By September 2021	Not yet started
Propose additional objective: Provide clarity on career development paths and options for development linked to this, and how these link into NFCC levels	KS	By September 2021	Initial meeting with other stakeholders booked for early Feb
Propose: Increase awareness of L&D offering through: a. Leveraging departmental training plans as an ongoing management/manpower planning tool b. Ensuring the voice of our learners is heard through multiple mechanisms e.g L&D advisory group	CB/KS	By September 2021	Started with launch at Managers briefing on 18 th Jan. Diarised departmental and group meetings in place Ongoing
Propose additional objective: Develop and implement mandatory training refresher training process and content	CB/KS	By September 2021	Due to launch new mandatory modules in first quarter 2021 which will kickstart new refresher training and monitoring

Operational Training (Year Two)

Work stream	Actions, enablers and nudges that support our change	Owner	Timeframe	
Professional Development - including diversity,	Plan and commission training plans for the year	СВ	By September 2021	Completed
inclusion, and living our values	Review use of the training plans that address essential skills included inclusion, diversity, behaviours, performance management, industrial relations and handling discipline and grievances	СВ	By September 2021	Core Learning Pathways and Leadership Framework now in place.
	Review how well the voice of our learners is heard through the Learning and Development Advisory Group and other feedback mechanisms	СВ	By September 2021	Advisory Group in place.
	Develop our succession planning approach	СВ	By September 2021	Launching in January 2021.
	Explore how we are using apprenticeship and make appropriate recommendations	СВ	By September 2021	Not yet started

Personal Development - not required for current role but relevant to Service	•	Explore ways of informing people about the career options available to them and further encouraging development	СВ	By September 2021	Work begun for wholetime recruitment. Learning from wholetime recruitment to roll into other areas.
Core Training - directly relevant to current role. includes	•	Review the training that we consider to be mandatory	СВ	By September 2021	Completed – articulated as pilllar 4 of our L&D Strategy.
statutory and mandatory training, and essential skills	•	Ensure compliance with mandatory training	СВ	By September 2021	Ongoing – compliance levels increased.
listed in person specification	•	Consider how we can most effectively offer mandatory training	СВ	By September 2021	Ongoing.
Assurance of Competence – access to high quality operational training	•	Phase 2 Core Skills Assurance Programme 100% complete 100% of Crew Managers will have completed 'Train the Trainer' 100% of Watch Managers will be assessors 100% of Station Managers will be verifiers	PC	By April 2021	On track
Delivery of the operational training plan 2019-2022	•	4 x Group Trainers continue to support Crew, Watch and Station Managers, to deliver greater levels of station-based training, through locally led development	PC	By April 2021	Completed.
	•	Fully evaluate use of the Fire Service College and a decision made about how we best deliver whole time basic skills courses going forward	PC	By April 2021	Completed.
Review and upgrade of training facilities		Continue any necessary refurbishment of training facilities	PC	By April 2021	Ongoing.
	•	Consider how we can maximise use of training facilities	PC	By April 2021	Ongoing.
Delivery of casualty care training	•	100% of firefighters will have accessed a two day realistic simulation casualty care course	PC	By 31 March 2021	Ongoing

	•	We will have begun a one day casualty care refresher course training	PC	By 31 March 2021	Ongoing
Training library review	•	A full suite of training products has been produced	PC	By 31 March 2021	Completed
	•	Set up of share-point training site and review and refresh intranet pages.	PC	BY 31 March 2021	Completed

Year Three Progress

Continuous Culture Plan (Year Three)

Work stream	Actions, enablers and nudges that support our change	Owner	Timeframe	Status
Values and Behaviours	Our Values and Behaviours fully embedded in our practices, our language and our recognition of "what good looks like here"	JS	By 30 June 2022	Not yet started
Recognition and Communication	Roll out and embedding of e-Thank you process for peer to peer feedback, aligned to Values and behaviours – feed into the formal recognition awards	JS/HP	By 30 June 2022	Not yet started
	Continue to drive for increased Staff survey engagement, satisfaction and participation levels through "You said, We did" and other feedback opportunities	JS	By 30 June 2022	Not yet started
	Provide Reverse mentoring opportunities within the Service, for senior managers to influence cultural change projects and decisions	JS	By 30 June 2022	Not yet started
	To develop further in line with Service digital strategy	CB/EC	By 30 June 2022	Not yet started
Continuous improvement	 Agile and lean methodologies used in our project management approaches Continue to promote behaviours e.g: Keep promises – do what you say you will Be punctual Be outcomes focussed Take accountability 	JS CB	By 30 June 2022	Not yet started
Developing Manager Self Awareness	 Frequent 2-way feedback at all levels to develop a culture of openness, self-awareness, reflection, and development Identify and implement development pathways to managers, focussing on improved teamwork and performance 	CB CB	By 30 June 2022	Not yet started
Recognising the benefits of reflecting the diversity of the communities	 Recruitment & Talent Pool assessments to include a combination of ECFRS employees and independent assessors from partner agencies or the community to reduce bias This work-stream will continue to evolve in line with the Inclusion and Diversity Strategic plan 	VH/NQ NH	By 30 June 2022	Not yet started
Strong effective leadership and development	Exploring partnerships for learning and innovation – (in line with collaboration strategy)	CB/KS/NQ	By 30 June 2022	Not yet started

Fair, Kind and Inclusive Workplace (Year Three)

Work stream	Actions, enablers and nudges that support our change	Owner	Timeframe	Status
Inclusive employer of choice	 Introduce a range of inclusive feedback mechanisms e.g reverse mentoring Evaluate the impact of positive action initiatives and 	NH NH	By September 2022	Not yet started
Diversity Data	 community engagement Utilise the varied skills and lived experience from within the Service to influence decision making for community focussed policy and practice 	NH	By September 2022	Not yet started
	 Evaluate use of individual skills and experience across the Service to support service delivery to diverse communities Undertake an Ethnicity Pay Gap 	NH NH		
Service Delivery	Evaluate the effectiveness of community engagement initiatives using equality information to better facilitate effective service delivery	NH	By September 2022	Not yet started
People Impact Assessment	 Evaluate our People Impact Assessment approach to understand impact of key organisational policies, and determine improvement opportunities 	NQ/NH	By September 2022	Not yet started
Dignity	 Evaluate Dignity at Work provision Continuously monitor and review for improvement opportunities 	NH NH	By September 2022	Not yet started
Review and challenge	 Commission a peer review of the Fire and Rescue Service Equality Framework Undertake an external inclusion benchmarking assessment 	NH	By September 2022	Not yet started

Wellbeing, Health & Safety (Year Three)

Work stream	Where do we want to get to?	Timeframe	Actions, enablers and nudges that support our change	Owner	Timeframe	Status
	Propose expl	ffering in conju	r ative opportunities to inction with our partners	NQ	By 30 June 2022	Not yet started

Resourcing and Talent (Year Three)

Work stream	Where do we want to get to?	Timeframe	Actions, enablers and nudges that support our change	Owner	Timeframes	Status
	Year 3 to be de	veloped further		NQ / VH	By 30 June 2022	Not yet started

Leadership and Development (Year Three)

Work stream	Actions, enablers and nudges that support our change	Owner	Timeframe	Status
Leadership Development	 Review 4-year leadership development programme Review use of NFCC Leadership Framework and Core Learning Pathways 	KS	By September 2022	Not yet started
Professional Development	 Plan and commission training plans for the year Explore ways of using technology more effectively so that training and development opportunities can be offered at times that work for the learner 	KS	By September 2022	Not yet started
Personal Development	Review the impact of input in year 1 to outcomes in year 3	KS	By September 2022	Not yet started
Core Training	 Review the training that we consider to be mandatory Ensure compliance with mandatory training 	KS	By September 2022	Not yet started

Operational Training (Year Three)

Workstream	Actions, enablers and nudges that support our change	owner	Timeframe	Status
Assurance of Competence	Crew Managers, Watch Managers and Station Managers will be qualified as trainers, assessors and verifiers and so can run the fully developed Phase 3 Core Skills Assurance Programme without central training resource requirements	PC	By April 2022	Not yet started
Delivery of the operational training plan 2019-2022	 4 x Group Trainers continue to support Crew, Watch and Station Managers, to deliver greater levels of station-based training, through locally led development 	PC	By April 2022	Not yet started
Review and upgrade of training facilities	Continue any necessary refurbishment of facilities Maximise potential of facilities	PC	By April 2022	Not yet started
Delivery of casualty care training	Refresher course training will be offered to all who have Casualty Care certification expiring	PC	By April 2022	Not yet started
Training library review	A library maintenance process will be in place	PC	By April 2022	Not yet started