



Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Fire and Rescue Authority

Decision Report

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Report reference number: 036-21
Government security classification Official
Title of report: Strategic Assessment of Risk (SAoR)
Area of county / stakeholders affected: All
Report by: Director of Innovation, Risk & Future Development
Date of report: 11 May 2021
Enquiries to: Director of Innovation, Risk & Future Development

1. Purpose of the report

To seek approval of the new Strategic Assessment of Risk (SAoR) and consequent review of the Service's Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP).

2. Recommendations

To agree the recommendation to approve the new SAoR set out within Appendix A and agree the recommendation of not making any amendments to the Service current IRMP 2020-24.

3. Benefits of the proposal

The IRMP, supported by the SAoR, provides a risk assessed model which drives the Service's core strategy documents in order to ensure that resources are used in the most effective area to mitigate the risk to the public of Essex and deliver the priorities of the Fire and Rescue Plan.

4. Background and proposal

Each year the Service formally reviews the IRMP, highlighting the need for any updates following a full review of the Service's SAoR. The SAoR has been significantly changed, being shorter in format with emphasis placed on up-to-date referencing and summaries provided at the end of each section, also with the significant additions of COVID-19 and EU Exit. The summary includes a list of potential impacts for the Service, risk mitigations currently in place and, where appropriate, identification of gaps which need further work as set out within the Fire and Rescue National Framework (2018;p9) which states; -

'fire and rescue authorities are expected to assess their existing capacity and identify any gaps as part of the Integrated risk management planning process'

The gaps identified by the SAoR are then considered within the context of the IRMP, with a recommendation where necessary, for a change or addition to the Service's current IRMP.

There are a number of key Strategy documents which have been approved by the Commissioner that were identified within the Service's IRMP which now provide key controls to potential risks identified. The Service reviewed SAoR is included in Appendix A for approval of the Board.

Subject to approval of the SAoR, it is a recommendation of this report that the Service's current IRMP 2020-24 is not amended and the Service continues delivery of its IRMP. Delivery of the current IRMP will be delivered and reported on via its Annual Planning process and current change programme.

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

There would have to be some form of risk assessment in order to comply with the National framework.

6. Strategic priorities

The SAoR underpins the IRMP process. The SAoR is a foundation document which provides the basis of the Service complying with the requirements of The Fire and Rescue Framework for England (May 2018).

7. Operational implications

A greater understanding of the strategic risks will contribute to understanding of risk management at the tactical and operational levels. The SAoR is a live document updated as required. The Service's Response Strategy will be added to some of the control once approved by the PFCC.

8. Financial implications

Delivery of the IRMP is aligned to the Service's Medium Term Financial Plan, with additional funding requirements subject to normal business case processes.

9. Legal implications

The SAoR is a foundation document which provides the basis of the Service complying with the requirements of The Fire and Rescue Framework for England (May 2018).

10. Staffing implications

There are no implications related directly to this decision.

11. Equality and Diversity implications

The SAoR helps identify the more vulnerable within Essex in order for the Service to consider any new measures that can be put in place through the IRMP.

Is this decision anticipated to have an impact on any of the following protected groups as defined within the Equality Act 2010:

<i>Race</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Religion or belief</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Sex</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Gender reassignment</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Age</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Pregnancy & maternity</i>	<i>No</i>

<i>Disability</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Marriage and Civil Partnership</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Sexual orientation</i>	<i>No</i>		

12. Risks

The SAoR is a risk assessment at the strategic level.

13. Governance Boards

Service Leadership Team decision meeting 11th May 2021 and the Strategic Board 15th June 2021.

14. Background papers

Appendix A: Draft SAoR

Decision Process (036-21)

Step 1A - Chief Fire Officer Comments

(The Chief Fire Officer is asked in their capacity as the Head of Paid Service to comment on the proposal.)

.....I support this recommendation.....



Sign: Date: ...16/6/21.....

Step 1B – Consultation with representative bodies

(The Chief Fire Officer is to set out the consultation that has been undertaken with the representative bodies)

A copy of the new SAoR has been shared with the Fire Brigades Union, the Fire Officers Association and Fire, and Rescue Services Association.

Step 2 - Statutory Officer Review

The report will be reviewed by the Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Fire and Rescue Authority’s (“the Commissioner’s”) Monitoring Officer and Chief Finance Officer prior to review and sign off by the Commissioner or their Deputy.

Monitoring Officer

Sign: 

Print: Darren Horsman - Deputy MO

Date: 26/6/2021

Chief Finance Officer

Sign: 

Print:Neil Cross.....

Date: ... 16/6/21

Step 3 - Publication

Is the report for publication? **YES**

If 'NO', please give reasons for non-publication (Where relevant, cite the security classification of the document(s). State 'none' if applicable)

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If the report is not for publication, the Monitoring Officer will decide if and how the public can be informed of the decision.

Step 4 - Redaction

If the report is for publication, is redaction required:

- 1 Of Decision Sheet **NO**
- 2 Of Appendix **NO**

If 'YES', please provide details of required redaction:

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Date redaction carried out:

If redaction is required, the Chief Finance Officer or the Monitoring Officer are to sign off that redaction has been completed.

Sign: Print:

Date signed:

Step 5 - Decision by the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner or Deputy Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner

I agree the recommendations to this report:

Sign:  (PFCC)

Print: ROGER HIRST

Date signed: 28 June 2021