



Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Fire and Rescue Authority

## Decision Report

**Report reference number:** 023-23

**Government security classification:** Official

**Title of report:** Strategic Assessment of Risk

**Area of county / stakeholders affected:** Service wide

**Report by:** Claire Sanders (Business Continuity Advisor)

**Date of report:** 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**Enquiries to:** Area Manager James Taylor

### 1. Purpose of the report

This report provides the PFCC with the supporting information from SLT in their recommendation to approve this year's Strategic Assessment of Risk.

### 2. Recommendations

The PFCC is requested to approve the updated Strategic Assessment of Risk in both a single document format and multiple document format as separated into chapters following the review by SLT at its decision meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023 and by the PFCC's Strategic Board on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

### 3. Benefits of the proposal

Publication of the updated Strategic Assessment of Risk supports the current Integrated Risk Management Plan and provides the context-setting for the focus and design of the Community Risk Management Plan. If the service does not maintain a current Strategic Assessment of Risk, it is unable to evidence or support the allocation of resourcing outlined in both the Integrated Risk Management Plan and the future Community Risk Management Plan.

#### 4. Background and proposal

The Strategic Assessment of Risk has been reviewed and updated to incorporate the PESTELO risk analysis model, whereby each chapter aligns with an aspect of the model (i.e., Political, Economic, Societal, Technological, Environmental, Legislative and / or Organisational risks).

The detail of the Strategic Assessment of Risk provides the foundation for further analysis and consideration when researching and designing the new Community Risk Management Plan.

The 2023-2024 version is provided as both a single document and as eight separate documents to support the chapter layout, enabling users to access required information easily.

#### 5. Alternative options considered and rejected

The updated Strategic Assessment of Risk delivers a review of all risks within the area of responsibility for Essex County Fire and Rescue Service. It has been designed to align with the requirements set out in the Community Risk Management Plan Fire Standard which has the desired outcome, *A fire and rescue service that assesses foreseeable community related risks and uses this knowledge to decide how those risks will be mitigated.*

#### 6. Strategic priorities

The Strategic Assessment of Risk provides the foundation for the Integrated Risk Management Plan / Community Risk Management Plan which in turn provides the basis by which resources are allocated by the service in the Annual Plan.

#### 7. Operational implications

As set out elsewhere in this report.

#### 8. Financial implications

None identified at this time.

#### 9. Legal implications

The Service has a responsibility under the Fire and Rescue Service National Framework for England (2018) to deliver and maintain a Strategic Assessment of Risk.

#### 10. Staffing implications

None identified at this time.

#### 11. Equality and Diversity implications

The actions being taken will not have a disproportionate impact on individuals with protected characteristics (as defined within the Equality Act 2010), when compared to all other individuals, and will not disadvantage people with protected characteristics.

Race	N	Religion or belief	N
Sex	N	Gender reassignment	N
Age	N	Pregnancy & maternity	N
Disability	N	Marriage and Civil Partnership	N
Sexual orientation	N		

The Core Code of Ethics Fire Standard has been fully considered and incorporated into the proposals outlined in this paper.

## **12. Risks**

The Strategic Assessment of Risk details the risks faced by the service, with the Integrated Risk Management Plan / Community Risk Management Plan providing controls and mitigation measures through the effective and efficient allocation of resources.

## **13. Governance Boards**

Following internal engagement captured in the report to the SLT meeting on 18 April, the proposal was recommended for onward transmission and approval by the PFCC at the Strategic Board on 8 June 2023.

## **14. Background papers**

Appendices to support this decision paper:

Appendix A – Strategic Assessment of Risk 2023-24

Appendix B – Strategic Assessment of Risk Chapter 1 – Introduction

Appendix C – Strategic Assessment of Risk Chapter 2 – Political Risk

Appendix D – Strategic Assessment of Risk Chapter 3 – Economic Risk

Appendix E – Strategic Assessment of Risk Chapter 4 – Societal Risk

Appendix F – Strategic Assessment of Risk Chapter 5 – Technological Risk

Appendix G – Strategic Assessment of Risk Chapter 6 – Environmental Risk

Appendix H – Strategic Assessment of Risk Chapter 7 – Legislative Risk

Appendix I – Strategic Assessment of Risk Chapter 8 – Organisational Risk

**Decision Process (023-23)**

**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:.....8/6/23.....

**Step 1B – Consultation with representative bodies**

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

At this time, no consultation has been carried out with representative bodies.

**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: P. Brent-Isherwood

Date: 20 July 2023

Chief Finance Officer

Sign: .....  .....

Print: .....Neil Cross.....

Date: ... 8/6/23 .....

**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)

None

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       | YES |

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

*In Chapter 4 – Societal Risk - the section on Terrorism should be redacted.*

*This will have to be completed in both Appendix A and E.*

*All sections for redaction have been highlighted in yellow.*

*The SLT is report not for publication, as it's an internal report.*

Date redaction carried out: 21/07/2023 .....

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

Sign: 

Print: Neil Cross

Date signed: 09/08/2023

**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: 21/07/2023 .....

I do not agree the recommendations to this report:

Sign: ..... (PFCC / DPFCC)

Print: ..... Date signed: .....