

PFCC Decision Report

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Classification: OFFICIAL

Title of report: PFCC Environment Strategy 2021-31

Area of county / stakeholders affected: Countywide

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Date of report: 22nd February 2024

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1. Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to present the Environment Strategy to the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for approval. This strategy has been created in collaboration with the Essex County Fire and Rescue Service (ECFRS).

2. Recommendations

The recommendation is that the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner approves the Environment Strategy attached to this report.

3. Background to the Proposal

The PFCC must comply with the Government's target of reducing greenhouse gases to net zero by 2050. This is a challenging target and requires collaborative working and sharing of knowledge and resources between services.

The attached Environment Strategy outlines our sustainable development goals, which align with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals adopted in 2015 by all UN Member States, including the UK, and how we will work to achieve them.

4. Proposal and Associated Benefits

Following the collaboration of Essex Police and Essex County Fire and Rescue Service, this Environment Strategy will ensure that both organisations are aligned with other blue light services to reduce their carbon footprint and expenditure on associated budgets. This will enable the PFCC to achieve two of the targets set around greenhouse gas emissions and carbon footprint reduction.

5. Options Analysis

This strategy has been produced in collaboration with the Essex County Fire and Rescue Service and therefore no other independent options have been produced. Work has been done to ensure that the strategy works in synergy while highlighting the individual pressures of the different services.

6. Consultation and Engagement

Consultation has been undertaken with force representatives through the Police and Fire and Rescue Collaborative Environment Board.

7. Strategic Links

This strategy underpins priorities identified in both the Police and Crime Plan and the Force Plan of working in collaboration with Essex County Fire and Rescue Service and making best use of our resources. This strategy has been developed alongside the Estate Strategy and our plans for zero vehicle emissions.

8. Police operational implications

This will have no adverse operational impact on the delivery of the services we provide to the communities of Essex, however how the services are delivered may change to accommodate the reductions we aim to achieve.

9. Financial implications

The targets and aims of this strategy were considered as part of the Medium-Term Financial Strategy and, from 2024/25, capital funding has been allocated to environmental improvement schemes.

10. Legal implications

There are no legal implications attached to this document. The Climate Change Act 2008, as amended in 2019, set a target of reducing all greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2050. As a milestone towards this, the Act also commits the PFCC to achieving a 46% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, against the 2008/09 baseline, by 2030/31.

11. Staffing implications

There are no direct staffing implications however reductions in greenhouse gas emissions will create a better environment for all.

12. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion implications

There are no equality, diversity and inclusion implications arising from this decision.

13. Risks and Mitigations

There are possible financial and staffing risks attached to what are challenging targets within this strategy, but work will continue to be done to mitigate risks by the force and the teams involved, within the changing environment. All associated risks - both direct and indirect – will continue to be monitored.

14. Governance Boards

Chief Officer Group – 19/05/2021
Strategic Estate Board – 12/02/2024
Strategic Board – 05/03/2024

15. Links to Future Plans

This decision report links into the PFCC's, Essex Police's and ECFRS's long term plans to reduce carbon emissions and achieve Net Zero by reducing all greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

16. Background Papers and Appendices

Appendix 1 – Environment Strategy – OFFICIAL (*already published*)



Environment
Strategy.pdf

Appendix 2 – PFCCFRA Approved Decision Report – OFFICIAL (*already published*)

[PFCCFRA-010-21-Environment-Strategy-v2.pdf](#)

Report Approval

The report will be signed off by the PFCC's Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer prior to review and sign off by the PFCC / DPFCC.

Chief Executive / M.O.

Sign:

Print: P. Brent-Isherwood

Date: 23 February 2024

Chief Financial Officer

Sign:

Print: Janet Perry

Date: 25 February 2024

Publication

Is the report for publication?

YES

NO

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None

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1. Of Decision Sheet?

YES

2. Of Appendix?

YES

NO

NO

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Chief Finance Officer / Chief Executive Sign Off – for Redactions only

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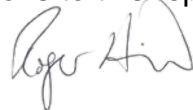
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Print:

Chief Executive / Chief Finance Officer

Decision and Final Sign Off

I agree the recommendations to this report:

Sign: 

Print: Roger Hirst

PFCC

Date signed: 22/03/2024

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because:

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Sign:

Print:

PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: