



Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority

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| MEETING | Fire Authority |
| DATE OF MEETING | 17 December 2014 |
| OFFICER | Julian Parsons, Head of Service Delivery |
| LEAD MEMBER | Councillor Catriona Morris |
| SUBJECT OF THE REPORT | Protection Policy |
| EXECUTIVE SUMMARY | <p>In the Autumn Statement 2012 HM Government announced that it would introduce a package of measures to improve the way regulation is delivered at the frontline such as; the Focus on Enforcement review of appeals, the proposed Non-economic Regulators: Duty to Have Regard to Growth, and the Accountability for Regulator Impact measures.</p> <p>The previous Regulators' Compliance Code was clarified in a shorter and accessible format and has statutory effect as of 6 April 2014.</p> <p>The Protection Policy has been reviewed and amended to take into account Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority's (BMKFA) requirement under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, to enforce the provisions of the Order and to do so in accordance with the recently published Regulators' Code.</p> <p>The Policy is also designed to reinforce BMKFA's strategy of encouraging and supporting business development through education and information coupled with light touch enforcement when necessary.</p> |
| ACTION | Decision. |
| RECOMMENDATIONS | It is recommended that the Protection Policy be approved. |
| RISK MANAGEMENT | Compliance with the Regulators' Code protects the Authority by ensuring that it is enforcing the provisions of the Fire Safety Order. |
| FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS | Continued training costs of Protection Inspecting Officers and managers under section 2.1 (iii) in line with the Protection Training Strategy covering legal and regulatory requirements. This ensures that the Service can demonstrate that it operates in a consistent approach based on nationally recognised |

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| | qualifications. |
| LEGAL IMPLICATIONS | The Regulators' Code was laid before Parliament in accordance with section 23 of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006 ("the Act"). Regulators whose functions are specified by order under section 24(2) of the Act must have regard to the Code when developing policies and operational procedures that guide their regulatory activities. Regulators must equally have regard to the Code when setting standards or giving guidance which will guide the regulatory activities of other regulators. □ |
| HEALTH AND SAFETY | No implications envisaged. |
| EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY | No implications envisaged with regard to the new policy. |
| USE OF RESOURCES | The work on updating this policy to date has been from existing resources from Service Delivery. Communications of the policy will also be managed from within existing resources in liaison with the communications team. Once approved the policy will be published on the BMKFA website in accordance with the Regulators' Code. |
| PROVENANCE SECTION & BACKGROUND PAPERS | The Regulators' Code (2014) https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/300126/14-705-regulators-code.pdf |
| APPENDICES | Appendix A - Protection Policy 80-01-001 Appendix B - Protection Strategy 2014/15-2019/20 |
| TIME REQUIRED | 5 minutes. |
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