



Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority

MEETING	Fire Authority
DATE OF MEETING	17 October 2018
OFFICER	Neil Boustred, Head of Service Delivery
LEAD MEMBER	Councillor Jean Teesdale
SUBJECT OF THE REPORT	The Authority's Prevention Strategy 2018 - 2023
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	<p>The purpose of the refreshed and updated Prevention Strategy as set out in Annex A, is to provide a focus on the Service Delivery Directorate's priorities over the next five years, ensuring Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority (BMKFA) can deliver the most effective response to the risks and challenges set out in the Authority's Public Safety Plan.</p> <p>This Strategy has been aligned with the Protection Strategy 2018-2023 and Response Strategy 2018-2023, developing a suit of three Strategies that underpin Service Delivery.</p> <p>The Prevention Strategy focuses on four key areas, which encompass all of our Prevention activities.</p> <p>Safer Homes, Fires, Road Safety and Fire as a Health and Wellbeing Asset.</p> <p>Success of the Strategy will be measured through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ how effective we are at preventing fires and other emergencies; ▪ how well we use data and information to understand our current and future risks, taking account of national risks and trends; ▪ how well we use our resources, optimising the contribution to well-being of our people; ▪ how well we understand our community; ▪ how well we secure an affordable way of delivering the management of risk of fire, emergencies and other risks now and in the future. <p>The delivery and measurement of the success of the Prevention Strategy, will be further enabled as the Premises Risk Management System develops, allowing the greater use of quality data, targeting service delivery where it is identified as being needed the most.</p>

ACTION	Decision.
RECOMMENDATIONS	That the Prevention Strategy 2018–2023 be approved.
RISK MANAGEMENT	<p>We continue to develop our Premises Risk Management System (PRMS), which will integrate our various risk information systems to improve our ability to target those most vulnerable to the risk of fire and other emergencies.</p> <p>Improving our ability to report and in turn analyse statistical information and trends. Not only on risks from fire, but other societal risk factors.</p>
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	<p>There are no additional costs associated with this refreshed Strategy, which will run for the next five year period.</p> <p>All activities will be delivered within the current financial envelop, with savings having already been achieved through developing the role of the Prevention Policy Manager, from grey book to a support staff role (Community Safety and Safeguarding Manager).</p>
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	Legal assurance will be obtained in advance of, or during, the implementation phases of the respective strands of the strategy.
CONSISTENCY WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE DUTY TO COLLABORATE	<p>All primary activities within the strategy will consider collaboration opportunities at an early stage.</p> <p>There are already examples of well embedded collaborative initiatives, such as: Biker down, Safe Drive Stay Alive, the Safety Centre (Hazard Alley).</p> <p>With future collaborative work being developed around the Neighbour Alert system and the purchasing of shared data, as part of our aim to target the most vulnerable groups within the community. These data sets have been purchased collaboratively through the Thames Valley operational alignment programme.</p>
HEALTH AND SAFETY	No implications identified.
EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY	It is anticipated that the refreshed Strategy will enhance Equality and Diversity, through the use of data to better understand the varied make up of our communities. This will enable us to develop our initiatives to meet their specific needs and focus our resources on those identified as most vulnerable.
USE OF RESOURCES	<p>This Strategy has been refreshed and developed utilising current resources from within Service Delivery.</p> <p>Consultation has been focussed internally within the Leadership Group and Representative bodies.</p> <p>Wider consultation is underway with partners through</p>

	<p>the Local Resilience Forum (LRF).</p> <p>Developing the role of the Prevention Policy Manager, from grey book to a support staff role, Community Safety and Safeguarding Manager has not only delivered financial savings, but has created capacity within the new role.</p> <p>Prevention activities will continue to be developed and delivered through a variety of methods, coordinated by the Central Prevention team and Community Safety Coordinators, captured within the Premises Risk Management System.</p>
<p>PROVENANCE SECTION & BACKGROUND PAPERS</p>	<p>Background</p> <p>The Prevention Strategy 2018–2023 has been developed and aligned to the Protection Strategy 2018–2023 and the Response Strategy 2018–2023, developing a suit of three Strategies that underpin Service Delivery.</p> <p>FA Paper Prevention Strategy 2014 - 2020</p>
<p>APPENDICES</p>	<p>Annex A - The Authority's Prevention Strategy</p>
<p>TIME REQUIRED</p>	<p>10 minutes.</p>
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