

Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority



MEETING	Fire Authority
DATE OF MEETING	17 October 2018
OFFICER	Julian Parsons, Head of Service Development
LEAD MEMBER	Councillor Teesdale
SUBJECT OF THE REPORT	Local Authority Planning Consultations
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	<p>Between October and December 2017, Milton Keynes Council (MKC) and the Buckinghamshire District Councils conducted statutory six-week public consultations on the latest versions of their local plans ahead of formal examinations of the plans to be carried out by the Planning Inspectorate during Spring/Summer 2018.</p> <p>Officers responded to each of the consultations on behalf of the Authority and, in doing so, took the opportunity to make representations across a range of issues relating to the general effect of built environment planning decisions on community safety and the Authority's operations, as well as more specific local matters. These included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring provision of adequate infrastructure and access to new housing developments for fire-fighting and rescue purposes; • Measures to improve the safety of housing and facilities for vulnerable groups such as the elderly and disabled; • Measures to improve the safety of key parts of the public estate such as schools; • Management of flooding risks; • Provision of affordable housing for emergency services workers. <p>Detailed responses to each of the consultations are shown at Appendix A.</p> <p>Subsequent to these representations, Officers have also engaged with local authority planning officials to explore the potential effects of major infrastructure development projects on the Authority's operating environment both to inform the development of the next Public Safety Plan, which will cover the period 2020 – 2025, and longer term thinking in relation to service provision.</p>

	<p>The projects discussed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HS2; • Heathrow expansion; • Crossrail; and, • The new economic corridor planned by the National Infrastructure Commission between Cambridge, Milton Keynes and Oxford which will include upgrades to rail ('East-West Rail') and road (a new 'Expressway') transport links as well as significant housing development across the 17 local authority areas affected (c. one million new homes by 2050). <p>Many of these projects will begin to take effect during the lifetime of the next, 2020 – 2025, Public Safety Plan and Authority Members will be given more detailed briefings on the implications of these as the plan is developed over the coming months.</p>
ACTION	Noting
RECOMMENDATIONS	That the report be noted.
RISK MANAGEMENT	<p>The scale of infrastructure development, in particular HS2 and East-West-Rail, over the lifetime of the next Public Safety Plan will present potential risks to the Authority ability to deploy resources. For example, in the form of road closures during the construction phases. These will be subject to ongoing evaluation as the projects unfold.</p>
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	<p>None immediately arising from the planning consultation process. However, the potential scale of future infrastructure and built environment development envisaged over the period to 2050 is likely to have significant implications for the scale and distribution of fire and rescue service provision across the areas affected which is likely to generate a requirement for additional capital and revenue expenditure. These requirements will be considered as part of future public safety and medium term financial planning.</p>
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	<p>The current 'Fire and Rescue National Framework for England', which has a statutory basis, requires that Fire and Rescue Authority 'Integrated Risk Management Plans' must, amongst other things:</p> <p>"reflect up to date risk analyses including an assessment of all foreseeable fire and rescue related risks that could affect the area of the authority;</p> <p>demonstrate how prevention, protection and response activities will best be used to prevent fires and other incidents and mitigate the impact of identified risks on</p>

	<p>its communities, through authorities working either individually or collectively, in a way that makes best use of available resources;</p> <p>outline required service delivery outcomes including the allocation of resources for the mitigation of risks”.</p>
CONSISTENCY WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE DUTY TO COLLABORATE	<p>Officers will engage and consult with neighbouring fire and rescue, police and local authorities as the next 2020-2025 Public Safety Plan is developed to assess potential risks and opportunities, and the potential to address these via mutually beneficial collaborative working.</p>
HEALTH AND SAFETY	<p>None immediately arising from the planning consultation process. However these will be considered as part of the 2020-2025 Public Safety and Corporate Planning processes.</p>
EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY	<p>None immediately arising from the planning consultation process. However these will be considered as part of the 2020-2025 Public Safety and Corporate Planning processes.</p>
USE OF RESOURCES	<p>Communication with stakeholders Detailed stakeholder analysis and communication planning will be undertaken as part of the 2020-2025 Public Safety Plan development.</p> <p>The system of internal control The development of the 2020-2025 Public Safety Plan will be undertaken using the Authority’s agreed project planning, management and control processes.</p> <p>The medium term financial strategy Medium term financial implications will be considered via alignment of the public safety and medium term financial planning processes.</p> <p>The balance between spending and resources This will be considered in future public safety and medium term financial plans.</p> <p>The management of the asset base This will be considered in future public safety and medium term financial plans.</p> <p>The arrangements to promote and ensure probity and propriety No issues arising from the Authority’s response to the local plan consultations.</p> <p>Environmental Environmental risks and issues will be identified via the public safety planning process.</p>
PROVENANCE SECTION &	<p>Background Details of the Local Plan consultations discussed in this</p>

<p>BACKGROUND PAPERS</p>	<p>paper are available via the following hyperlinks:</p> <p><u>Milton Keynes Council</u> http://miltonkeynes-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/planmk/plan_mk_submission/proposed_submission_planmk?tab=info</p> <p><u>Aylesbury Vale District Council</u> https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/section/vale-aylesbury-local-plan-valp-2013-2033</p> <p><u>Chiltern and South Bucks District Councils</u> http://www.chiltern.gov.uk/planning/localplan2014-2036</p> <p><u>Wycombe District Council</u> https://www.wycombe.gov.uk/uploads/public/documents/Planning/New-local-plan/Reg-19-Publication-Local-Plan/Wycombe-District-Local-Plan-Publication-Version.pdf</p>
<p>APPENDICES</p>	<p>A: Responses to Local Authority Plan Consultations.</p>
<p>TIME REQUIRED</p>	<p>15 Minutes</p>
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