

# Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority



<b>MEETING</b>	Fire Authority
<b>DATE OF MEETING</b>	17 October 2018
<b>OFFICER</b>	Neil Boustred, Head of Service Delivery
<b>LEAD MEMBER</b>	Councillor Jean Teesdale
<b>SUBJECT OF THE REPORT</b>	<b>The Authority's Protection Strategy 2018 - 2023</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b>	<p>The purpose of the refreshed and updated Protection 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>It is also cognisant of the Dame Judith Hackitt – 'Building a Safer Future Report' and the Regulation changes that may be introduced following its publication in May 2018.</p> <p>This Strategy has been aligned with the Prevention Strategy 2018-2023 and Response Strategy 2018-2023, developing a suit of three Strategies that underpin Service Delivery.</p> <p>The Protection Strategy focuses on four key areas, which encompass all of our Protection activities.</p> <p>Audits, non-domestic property fires, quality of service and automatic fire alarms.</p> <p>Success of the Strategy will be measured through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ how effective we are at protecting non-domestic premises from fires and other emergencies;</li> <li>▪ how effective we are at enforcing non-compliance within non-domestic premises of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order;</li> <li>▪ how well we use data and information to understand our current and future risks, taking account of national risks and trends;</li> <li>▪ how well we use our resources, optimising the contribution to business continuity of our people</li> <li>▪ how well we secure an affordable way of delivering the management of risk of fire, emergencies and other risks now and in the future;</li> </ul>

	The delivery and measurement of the success of the Protection Strategy will be further enabled as the Premises Risk Management System develops to encapsulate non-domestic premises.
<b>ACTION</b>	Decision.
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	That the Protection Strategy 2018-2023 be approved.
<b>RISK MANAGEMENT</b>	<p>By approving this Strategy, the Service will ensure that it is best placed to deliver its duty under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2015.</p> <p>We continue to develop our Premises Risk Management System (PRMS), which will integrate our various risk information systems</p> <p>As the PRMS develops, it will encapsulate non-domestic premises, allowing Protection activities to be recorded in real time and take account of additional information through the system.</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>
<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	<p>There are no additional costs associated with the refreshed Strategy, which will run for the next five year period.</p> <p>As partnerships continue to be developed through the Primary Authority Scheme (PAS), there is the scope for income generation.</p>
<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	Legal assurance will be obtained in advance of, or during, the implementation phases of the respective strands of the strategy.
<b>CONSISTENCY WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE DUTY TO COLLABORATE</b>	<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 approaches, through the Thames Valley out of hours enforcement agreement.</p> <p>Future collaborative work is being developed through the Thames Valley Protection Collaboration group.</p>
<b>HEALTH AND SAFETY</b>	No implications identified.
<b>EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY</b>	No negative impacts identified through the implementation of this Strategy.
<b>USE OF RESOURCES</b>	<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 the Local Resilience Forum (LRF).</p> <p>Protection activities will continue to be primarily delivered by the three Protection teams, one based in Milton Keynes and two based in Buckinghamshire. A variety of other methods of delivering Protection based activities are being considered.</p> <p>One way currently being developed, is to expand the knowledge and experience of operational crews, enabling them to be able to carry out audits at those premises that present us with a lesser risk, enabling the protection team to focus on those premises identified as at the greatest risk. Importantly, this will also significantly improve firefighter safety.</p> <p>As the Premises Risk Management System develops, it will encapsulate non-domestic premises, allowing Protection activities to be recorded in real time, reducing the burden and releasing capacity of Inspecting Officers and Admin teams.</p>
<p><b>PROVENANCE SECTION &amp; BACKGROUND PAPERS</b></p>	<p><b>Background</b></p> <p>The Protection Strategy 2018 – 2023 has been developed and aligned to the Prevention Strategy 2018 – 2023 and the Response Strategy 2018 – 2023, developing a suit of three Strategies that underpin Service Delivery.</p>
<p><b>APPENDICES</b></p>	<p>Annex A - The Authority's Protection Strategy</p>
<p><b>TIME REQUIRED</b></p>	<p>10 minutes.</p>
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