



Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority

Meeting and date: Fire Authority – 12 October 2022

Report title: Prevention Strategy 2022 - 2025

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Action: Decision

Recommendations: That the Prevention Strategy 2022-2025 be approved.

Executive summary:

Whilst the existing Prevention Strategy (appendix 1) was still within its review period, developments in Prevention with the introduction of the Prevention Fire Standard (July 2022), the National Fire Chief Council's (NFCC) Prevention Strategy (July 2022) and the findings of the internal Prevention evaluation and Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue's (HMICFRS) tranche two report, have necessitated the review and update of the Prevention Strategy, which now aligns to the Public Safety Plan (PSP).

The twelve requirements of the [Prevention Fire Standard](#) include:

A fire and rescue service **must**:

3) develop a Prevention Strategy and plan with the flexibility to proactively respond and adapt to the changing needs of its community, and for this to be supported by a named lead for Prevention from within the service

Key changes to the Prevention Strategy from version 2.0 comprise:

Section six

Prevention activity split into the four areas of

- Safer homes
- Safer neighbourhoods
- Safer roads
- Safer environments

Work with children and young people is not detailed as a separate area of focus because it is intrinsic to the four foci. Whilst the NFCC launched the Early Intervention Implementation Plan on 19 September 2022, work on addressing

vulnerability and resilience in children and young people (CYP) will sit within subsequent guidance on how the Service intends to fulfil the statutory requirements of the Serious Violence Duty.

The layout has been amended to clearly show the

- Inputs
- Processes
- Outputs

within each of the four areas of focus and how achievement against them will be evidenced.

Section 8

Outlining how activity within the Prevention arena will be evaluated for effectiveness and efficiency in line with requirement 8 of the Prevention Fire Standard.

Section 9

Recognition of the inevitability of emerging risks, with some of those with a likely impact on Prevention activity identified.

Once approved, Version 3.0 will supersede the Authority's Prevention Strategy 2018 – 2023 which was approved by the Authority at its meeting on 17 October 2018.

Financial implications:

There are no financial implications directly associated with the approval of this strategy. However, the increased costs of core prevention equipment have necessitated a growth bid to be submitted in line with standard processes, to facilitate the planned increase of preventative Home Fire Safety Visits to grow to be in line with the national average.

A decision is in progress on the three-year funding agreement for the Safety Centre delivering safety education to children and young people from Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes. If agreed this has an associated financial implication which is already budgeted for.

Risk management:

Progress against the Prevention Strategy will be monitored on a regular basis. Where linked to a recommendation in the Prevention Improvement Plan, progress will be recorded there and reported through the Prevention Improvement Plan dashboard and highlight report presented to Performance Monitoring Board (PMB).

Where progress is statistical in nature, departmental Key Performance Indicators have been identified which enable the risks associated with non-delivery to be

identified at the earliest point. This aligns to the Prevention Fire Standard requirement:

A fire and rescue service **must**:

8) demonstrate how it monitors and evaluates the effectiveness and efficiency of its prevention activity

Any risks will be added to the departmental risk register and escalated to the corporate risk register where appropriate.

Legal implications:

Legal assurance will be obtained in advance of, or during, the implementation phases of the respective strands of the strategy.

Privacy and security implications:

Where personal identifiable data is shared, relevant data impact assessments and information sharing agreements are in place.

Duty to collaborate:

Details on legislation relevant to Prevention work are identified in section five of the Prevention Strategy and also in the Prevention Fire Standard.

Health and safety implications:

No implications identified.

Environmental implications:

None linked to the activity reported on.

Equality, diversity, and inclusion implications:

Equality Impact Assessment discussed and included within the Prevention Strategy.

Consultation and communication:

The strategy was developed following consultation with relevant stakeholders within the administrative support team, and the Central Prevention Team. After initial feedback was considered, the Prevention Strategy was presented to the Joint Consultation Forum and underwent a period of open consultation within service.

Once approved, the Prevention Strategy and HMICFRS update presentation will be shared to relevant teams and departments to ensure there is a cohesive understanding of Prevention activity across the service.

Background papers:

[Fire Authority Minutes - 17 October 2018 - Item 8 Prevention Strategy 2018 - 2023](#)

Appendix	Title	Protective Marking
1	Prevention Strategy v3.0	