



Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority

Meeting and date: Executive Committee, 12 July 2023

Report title: Updated Fleet and Property Strategies to 2025

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Action: Decision

Recommendations: That Members approve the updated fleet and property strategies to 2025.

Executive summary:

This paper is being presented to seek approval to extend the current fleet and property strategies until 2025 in line with the current Public Safety Plan (PSP). Both strategies have been updated to ensure they remain relevant for the current and subsequent financial year. Following the development of the 2025-2030 Community Risk Management Plan (the timeline for which was approved by the Fire Authority at its meeting on 7 December 2022) new coterminous fleet and property strategies will be developed.

The Fleet Strategy 2018-2021 was originally approved by the Executive Committee at its meeting on 22 November 2017. The substantive updates to the Strategy address the following points:

- Asset disposal process updated to incorporate the donation option approved by the Fire Authority in February 2020
- Updated asset register and replacement programme
- Additional action to pilot the use of small response vehicles to deal with more remote fires in the open
- Updated section on sustainability, including reference to the approved Environment and Climate Action Plan

The Property Strategy 2018-2023 was originally approved by the Executive Committee at its meeting on 9 May 2018. The substantive updates to the Strategy cover the following key areas:

- Updated throughout to reflect the construction of the Blue Light Hub, capital works undertaken since initial publication and the results of the latest condition surveys

- The section previously entitled “Energy Efficiency” has been expanded to incorporate the approved Environment and Climate Action Plan, including details of actions taken since initial publication of the Property Strategy in 2018.
 - Added details of actions taken to improve the energy resilience of the estate
 - Updated section on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion
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Financial implications: No direct impact as a result of updates to either strategy. The vehicle replacement programme and property capital works required were factored into the medium-term financial plan, which was presented to the Fire Authority on 15 February 2023.

Risk management: No direct impact as a result of updates to either strategy.

Legal implications: No direct impact as a result of updates to either strategy.

Privacy and security implications: No direct impact as a result of updates to either strategy.

Duty to collaborate: No direct impact as a result of updates to either strategy.

Health and safety implications: No direct impact as a result of updates to either strategy.

Environmental implications: The relevant sections of each strategy have been updated to reflect the Environment and Climate Action Plan, which was approved after the initial publication of each strategy.

Equality, diversity, and inclusion implications: The forecasted expenditure within the Property Strategy now includes £25,000 per annum for specific EDI improvements identified through staff feedback and the EDI Group, which now includes the Property Manager. This is in addition to the consideration of potential improvements to EDI that are considered when any capital works are undertaken throughout the estate.

Consultation and communication: No direct impact as a result of updates to either strategy.

Background papers:

Fleet Strategy 2018/19-2021/22. Executive Committee. 22 November 2017.

Available at:

https://bucksfire.gov.uk/documents/2020/03/221117_exec_committee_agenda.pdf
(pp. 11-43)

Property Strategy 2018-2023. Executive Committee. 9 May 2018. Available at:

https://bucksfire.gov.uk/documents/2020/03/090518_exec_committee_agenda.pdf
(pp. 9-35)

2025 – 2030 Service Planning. Fire Authority. 7 December 2022. Available at:

<https://bucksfire.gov.uk/documents/2022/11/item-10-fire-authority-meeting-7-december-2022-2025-2030-service-planning.pdf/>

Appendix	Title	Protective Marking
1	Fleet Strategy 2018/19 to 2024/25	None
2	Property Strategy 2018 - 2025	None