



# **Surrey Fire and Rescue Service's Integrated Risk Management Plan – Consultation Draft**

## **Local Committee for Woking 28 January 2004**

### **KEY ISSUE:**

Surrey Fire and Rescue Service has submitted a draft plan to the County Council's Executive that has one aim – to make Surrey even safer.

### **SUMMARY:**

Already one of the safest counties in the country, Surrey Fire and Rescue Service wants to build on its successes and to continue developing its preventative work to stop emergencies occurring in the first place.

To achieve this, the Executive commissioned Chief Fire Officer Steve Myers to start the Integrated Risk Management Planning process on behalf of the Fire Authority in 2003. A project team has developed a draft Integrated Risk Management Plan which was submitted to the Executive for its meeting on 28 October 2003. The plan received the backing of the Executive and was given the go ahead for public consultation from 1 November 2003 until 31 January 2004. The comments from the consultation will be incorporated as appropriate and the draft plan will be submitted to the Executive for formal approval, prior to its introduction from 1 April 2004.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the Local Committee for Woking comment on the draft plan and its emphasis on more preventative work.

## **Introduction and Background**

1. The draft Integrated Risk Management Plan contains a comprehensive package of initiatives that will see the service carry out more preventative work across the county. This shift in focus will also see some changes to working practices, in particular at Chertsey, Haslemere and Walton.
2. The draft plan proposes that the service will work with partners to join up efforts addressing specific safety issues through greater emphasis on prevention and protection, and in conjunction with these partners identify strategies to help create safer communities.
3. The changes at fire stations will see the opportunity for personnel to develop their skills and competencies to match the changing role of a modern firefighter, as well as offering staff a more flexible way of working in Haslemere and Walton.

## **Analysis and Commentary**

4. The draft plan contains initiatives that will see the service carry out more preventative work across the county. This shift in focus will also see some changes to working practices, in particular at Chertsey, Haslemere and Walton. There will be no changes to working practices in the Woking area. However, there will be a dedicated team working towards a range of community safety initiatives.
5. The draft plan proposes that the service will work with partners to join up efforts addressing specific safety issues through greater emphasis on prevention and protection, and in conjunction with these partners identify strategies to help create safer communities.
6. The changes at fire stations will see the opportunity for personnel to develop their skills and competencies to match the changing role of a modern firefighter, as well as offering staff a more flexible way of working in Haslemere and Walton.

## **Effects on Woking Borough**

7. There will be no major change within the Woking borough area, Community safety will be enhanced through working with new partners including Safer Woking and our involvement with the Crime and Disorder panel.

## Consultation

8. Communications activity with the public and staff will continue throughout the consultation process. Our aim, in an open and transparent way, is to inform Surrey residents and other stakeholders of this process. We want to tell them about the improvements we are making and the scope of our prevention, protection and intervention strategies and activities. We also want their views and will encourage people to look at the plan by visiting [www.surrey-fire.gov.uk](http://www.surrey-fire.gov.uk) . Copies of the Integrated Risk Management Plan Fire Summary Booklet can be obtained from Surrey Fire and Rescue Headquarters, St Davids, 70 Wray Park Road, Reigate, Surrey. RH2 OEJ Tel. 01737242444.

## Financial Implications

9. The recommendation of this report have no financial implications upon the Local Committee for Woking.

## Sustainable Development Implications

10. The implementation of the plan will support the sustainable development of communities in Surrey. Through a targeting of resources in prevention, protection and intervention the implications will be an increase in community safety and a reduction in fear of fire and other emergencies.

## Crime & Disorder Implications

11. Part of the plan is to develop expertise in investigating the cause of fire and other emergencies. This improved management information will be used in partnership to develop a targeted arson campaign. Therefore the implications upon crime and disorder will also have a positive effect upon community safety.

## Equalities Implications

12. One of the key strategies highlighted in the plan is to improve the Service's flexibility, diversity, equality and welfare arrangements. In accordance with this the Diversity, Fairness and Equity Working Group are currently documenting a 5 year plan for the service. This will include a commitment to achieving a diversity amongst our staff that matches the communities we serve.

## Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

13. It is recommended that the Local Committee for Woking comment on the draft plan and its emphasis on more preventative work.

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