



Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Fire and Rescue Authority

Decision Report

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Government security classification: Official

Title of report: Strategic Assessment of Risk

Area of county / stakeholders affected: Service wide

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Date of report: 13th June 2024

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1. Purpose of the report

This report provides the PFCC with an overview of the updates within this year's Strategic Assessment of Risk.

2. Recommendations

The PFCC is asked to approve the attached Strategic Assessment of Risk for publication.

3. Benefits of the proposal

The annual renewal of and updates to the Strategic Assessment of Risk enable ECFRS to continually assess and measure its activity and delivery against the risk landscape. It provides support for the current Integrated Risk Management Plan and helps set the focus and design of the forthcoming Community Risk Management Plan.

If the service does not maintain a current Strategic Assessment of Risk, it will be unable to evidence or support the allocation of resources outlined in both the current Integrated Risk Management Plan and the future Community Risk Management Plan.

4. Background and proposal

The Strategic Assessment of Risk has been reviewed and updated against the PESTELO Risk Analysis model where each chapter aligns with an aspect of the model (i.e., Political, Economic, Societal, Technological, Environmental, Legislative and Organisational).

Following the re-formatting of the 2023 - 2024 version, the update is also provided as both a single document and as eight separate documents to support the chapter layout, enabling users to access required information easily.

Through the 2024 review, the following key changes have been identified:

- Changes of wording relating to Green Book critical role holders (i.e. Chief Financial Officer to S151 Officer) and inclusion of the Data Protection Officer.
- Expansion of cross border data to include the incident type attended.
- Realignment of public inquiries, HMI reviews and audit details under the Continual Improvement Programme.
- Realignment of Fit for the Future to show its relationship with the Fire Standards.
- Change in the terminology used to describe cyber and information security.
- Updates to anticipated industrial action / working relationships with trade unions.
- Changes to reflect the structure of Essex County Fire and Rescue Service (Extended Leadership Team to Service Leadership Team direct reports, and Asset Management Board to Productivity and Efficiency Board).
- Update to the risk management section to align with the updated Risk Strategy.
- Update to the economic risk to align with the budget and fire and rescue precept.

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

The updated Strategic Assessment of Risk delivers a review of all identified risks within the area of responsibility for the Essex County Fire and Rescue Service. It has been designed to align with the requirements set out in the Community Risk Management Plan Fire Standard which has the desired outcome:

A fire and rescue service that assesses foreseeable community related risks and uses this knowledge to decide how those risks will be mitigated.

This light touch review enables the service to progress with its evidence gathering to support the direction of its future Community Risk Management Plan.

Data published following the end of the financial year has not been incorporated into this update and therefore some sections remain unchanged.

6. Strategic priorities

The Strategic Assessment of Risk provides the foundation for the Integrated Risk Management Plan / Community Risk Management Plan, which in turn provides the basis by which resources are allocated by the service in the Annual Plan / Continual Improvement Plan.

7. Operational implications

None identified at this time.

8. Financial implications

None identified at this time.

9. Legal implications

The service has a responsibility under the Fire and Rescue Service National Framework for England (2018) to deliver and maintain a Strategic Assessment of Risk.

10. Staffing implications

None identified at this time.

11. Equality and Diversity implications

The actions being taken will not have a disproportionate impact on individuals with protected characteristics (as defined within the Equality Act 2010), when compared to all other individuals, and will not disadvantage people with protected characteristics.

Race	N	Religion or belief	N
Sex	N	Gender reassignment	N
Age	N	Pregnancy & maternity	N
Disability	N	Marriage and Civil Partnership	N
Sexual orientation	N		

The Core Code of Ethics Fire Standard has been fully considered and incorporated into the proposals outlined in this paper.

12. Risks

The Strategic Assessment of Risk details the key risks faced by the service, with the Integrated Risk Management Plan / Community Risk Management Plan providing controls and mitigation measures through the effective and efficient allocation of resources.

13. Governance Boards

Following internal engagement, the Strategic Assessment of Risk has been approved by the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) at its decision meeting prior to being submitted to the PFCC as a decision report.

This decision report was considered by the PFCC's Strategic Board on 13 June 2024.

14. Background papers

Appendix A Strategic Assessment of Risk 2024 - 2025

Decision Process (023-24)

Step 1A - Chief Fire Officer Comments

(The Chief Fire Officer is asked in their capacity as the Head of Paid Service to comment on the proposal.)

.....I Support this recommendation.....

Sign: 

Date:.....13 6 24.....

Step 1B – Consultation with representative bodies

(The Chief Fire Officer is to set out the consultation that has been undertaken with the representative bodies)

At this time, no consultation has been carried out with representative bodies.

Step 2 - Statutory Officer Review

The report will be reviewed by the Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Fire and Rescue Authority’s (“the Commissioner’s”) Monitoring Officer and Chief Finance Officer prior to review and sign off by the Commissioner or their Deputy.



Monitoring Officer

Sign:

Print: P. Brent-Isherwood

Date: 28 June 2024



Chief Finance Officer

Sign:

Print:Neil Cross.....

Date: 13 6 24

Step 3 - Publication

Is the report for publication? YES

If 'NO', please give reasons for non-publication (Where relevant, cite the security classification of the document(s). State 'none' if applicable)

None

If the report is not for publication, the Monitoring Officer will decide if and how the public can be informed of the decision.

Step 4 - Redaction

If the report is for publication, is redaction required:

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| 1 | Of Decision Sheet | NO |
| 2 | Of Appendix | NO |

If 'YES', please provide details of required redaction:

N/A

Date redaction carried out:

If redaction is required, the Chief Finance Officer or the Monitoring Officer are to sign off that redaction has been completed.

Sign: Print:

Date signed:

Step 5 - Decision by the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner or Deputy Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner

I agree the recommendations to this report:

Sign:  PFCC

Print: Roger Hirst Date signed: 03/07/2024