

**Meeting date:** 14 September 2022

**Report to:** Stronger Communities & Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Board

**Subject/report title:** West Midlands Fire Service – Community Risk Management Plan

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**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To consider (WMFS) West Midlands Fire Service's Community Risk Management Plan.

**2. Decision(s) recommended**

- 2.1 To consider the contents of the Community Risk Management Plan.

**3. Matters for Consideration**

- 3.1 West Midlands Fire Service will present their Community Risk Management Plan. Station Commander for Solihull, Patrick Gibson, and other colleagues from WMFS will deliver a presentation to the Board and there will be an opportunity for comments and questions.
- 3.2 A copy of the 2022-2025 Community Risk Management Plan is appended to this report. Further background reading is available from the following link <https://www.wmfs.net/community-risk-management-plan/>
- 3.3 The Plan identifies and assesses all foreseeable risks which communities in the West Midlands might face – from house fires and road traffic collisions, through to flooding

and terrorism. That information is then used to shape WMFS priorities and their Service Delivery Model – how they use the resources they have to reduce risk and vulnerability in local communities.

- 3.4 WMFS strategic planning looks ahead three years and factors in the views and needs of local communities, their staff and the many other organisations and partners with which they work. All fire and rescue services have a duty to do this, under the Fire and Rescue National Framework.
- 3.5 In addition to responding to 999 calls and emergencies, WMFS prevention and protection activities are also key to making local communities safer, whether that's at home, on the roads or in buildings where people work, live or visit.
- 3.6 The presentation will also include an overview of WMFS latest Community Risk Management Projects.

#### **4. List of appendices referred to**

- 4.1 Community Risk Management Plan.

#### **5. Background papers used to compile this report**

- 5.1 Community Risk Management Plan.

#### **6. List of other relevant documents**

- 6.1 None.