

## Corporate Risk Management Annual Report 2022/23

### Report of the Chief Fire Officer

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### 1 Purpose of Report

This report informs Members of the corporate risk management work that has been undertaken during the previous twelve months.

### 2 Recommendations

The Fire Authority is asked to note this report.

### 3 Background

Ongoing monitoring of the Service's corporate risk management work is a responsibility of the Performance and Risk Group (PRG) and Risk Management Group (RMG). In turn the Standards, Audit and Performance Committee (SAP) receive regular corporate risk management reports.

However, risk management best practice guidance also indicates that the full Fire Authority should receive a summary report at least annually.

### 4 Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A Reporting Exemptions

There are exempt risks on the Corporate Risk Register. Details of which are provided in an exempt paper and will be covered in the closed session of the meeting.

## **5 Risk Management Progress**

This section includes information about all events that have led to the current status with the Authority's corporate risk management system.

### **June 2022**

The Fire Authority received the Corporate Risk Management Annual Report 2021/22.

### **August 2022**

Commenced planning for risk management audit with new auditors. PRG reviewed the Corporate Risk Register.

The risk relating to changes in the policing and crime act was removed from the Corporate Risk Register.

The risk relating to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for emerging activities was removed from the Corporate Risk Register

A new risk relating to the Government White Paper on Fire Service reform was added to the Corporate Risk Register

### **September 2022**

SAP agreed the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) and Improvement Plan for inclusion in the 2021/22 Statement of Accounts. The committee also received a corporate risk summary report.

A new risk was added to the exempt section of the Corporate Risk Register.

### **October 2022**

RMG reviewed the Corporate Risk Register, Departmental Statements of Assurance, Departmental Risk Registers and Internal Audit Findings.

Two new risks were added to the Corporate Risk Register relating to clinical governance and planned rolling power cuts.

Internal Audit commenced the risk management audit.

### **November 2022**

Internal Audit completed the risk management audit.

### **December 2022**

Internal Audit gave an opinion of significant assurance over the control environment for risk management.

SAP received updates on the AGS Improvement Plan and a corporate risk summary report.

### **February 2023**

PRG reviewed the Corporate Risk Register.

### **March 2023**

Service Managers received risk management training from Zurich Insurance.

### **April 2023**

SAP received an update on progress against the AGS Improvement Plan and a corporate risk summary report.

### **May 2023**

RMG reviewed the Corporate Risk Register, Departmental Statements of Assurance, Departmental Risk Registers and Internal Audit Findings.

## **6 Overall Summary**

There are currently fourteen risks on the Corporate Risk Register, which includes four new risks added during this reporting year.

## **7 Financial Implications**

There are no direct financial implications associated with this report.

## **8 Legal Comment**

There are no legal implications associated with this report.

## **9 Risk Monitoring**

When considering this work stream officers have reviewed Brigade Order 3 Part 2 Risk Management Protocol and have determined that there are no direct risk implications, as this is purely a risk management summary update.

## **10 Initial Impact Assessment**

This report contains merely statements of fact / historical data. An Initial Impact Assessment is not, therefore, required.

## **11 Equality Impact Assessment**

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## **12 Appendices**

### **Appendix A**

Summary Corporate Risk Register

### **Exempt Appendix B**

Paper 20 Exempt Section of Corporate Risk Register

## **13 Background Papers**

There are no background papers associated with this report.

## Corporate Risk Register

Categories of Risk	Raised by	Date Raised	Description	Current Probability	Current Impact	Current Risk Rating	Direction of Travel	Owner
Information	Ged Edwards	01/4/2012	The provision of accurate management information is dependent upon the adoption of high-quality data management principles.	2	2	4	→	Sally Edwards
Service Delivery	Andrew Kelcey	11/03/2013	Failure of primary contractor, or failure or disruption of supply chain or uncontrolled cost increases for critical goods.	3	2	6	→	Andrew Kelcey
Information	Sally Edwards	01/1/2012	To ensure the maximum availability of the Command & Control system as a mission critical function of the Service.	1	3	3	→	Sally Edwards
Information	Sally Edwards	01/8/2012	Security and Resilience of the IT Network	1	2	2	→	Sally Edwards
Policy	Brian Welti	17/06/2021	The introduction of a new maintenance standard for fire kit maintenance, which includes a requirement to replace kit at 10 years, regardless of condition. Means the Service may not be able to justify use of kit beyond this time period without a full supporting risk assessment.	2	2	4	→	Dan Quinn
Finance	Joanne Coadey	23/9/2015	Reduction in government funding - insufficient income to cover Service revenue budget	3	2	6	→	Joanne Coadey
Information	Fire Authority Members	19/7/2017	ICT is crucial for public service delivery, and this imposes a risk of disruption or damage to the reputation of SFRS in the event of a failure of its information technology systems	2	3	6	→	Sally Edwards

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			as a result of a cyber-attack.					
Service Delivery	Area Command	13/11/2018	Staffing could be adversely affected following the adoption of the new fitness standards.	1	3	3	↓	Marc Millward
Service Delivery	Guy Williams	08/11/2021	Wholetime Duty Pilot Scheme 2022 The local FBU are proactively supporting the changes that the pilot scheme will bring. However, the Service is aware that eventually the agreement will need a national FBU sign off which may present different challenges.	2	2	4	→	Marc Millward
Policy	Simon Hardiman	02/08/22	Government white paper on fire reform may result in changes to fire service strategy.	2	2	4	→	Simon Hardiman
Service Delivery	Adam Matthews	19/10/2022	Insufficient clinical governance assurance not meeting current clinical standards.	2	3	6	→	Adam Matthews
Service Delivery	Andrew Kelcey	06/10/2022	Ofgem are raising concern of rolling power cuts during winter. We have resilience at Shrewsbury fire station, control and Telford, but not at any of the other sites.	1	2	2	↓	Andrew Kelcey

### Key to Direction of Travel:

- shows that the general direction of the risk is unchanged
- ↓ shows that the general direction of the risk is reducing
- ↑ shows that the general direction of the risk is increasing