

Report to	North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority
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Subject	Community Risk Management Implementation Plan 2026/27



PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 This report is to present to Members the Community Risk Management Implementation Plan (CRMIP) for 2026/27 and to seek approval to consult with the public on our proposed improvement and well-being objectives.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2 Under the Welsh Government Fire and Rescue National Framework 2016, one of the key objectives for Fire and Rescue Services (FRS) in Wales is to continually and sustainably reduce risk and enhance the safety of citizens and communities.
- 3 North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority (the Authority) is required by The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 to make arrangements for continuous improvement in the exercise of its functions, by setting itself improvement objectives in each financial year against at least one of seven functions. The public must be consulted on these objectives.
- 4 It is a statutory requirement of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 for Public Bodies to publish well-being objectives and to report annually on their progress towards meeting their well-being objectives.
- 5 The Wales Fire and Rescue Service Circular number: W-FRSC (2024)06 states that the duties under the 2009 Measure and the Wellbeing of Future Generation Act 2015 can be discharged through the publication of a single report.
- 6 The Social Partnership Duty, as required by The Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Act 2023, has been observed and the relevant trade unions have been consulted in the formative stages of objective setting. The trade unions have also received the draft version of the CRMIP 2026/27 and their response to the proposed objectives is awaited. Any response will be reported to the Authority following the public consultation period.

OBSERVATIONS FROM EXECUTIVE PANEL/AUDIT COMMITTEE

- 7 The CRMIP 2026/27 was taken to both the Executive Panel on 17 March 2025 and the Authority meeting of 28 April 2025, at which time Members approved it for publication.

RECOMMENDATION

- 8 It is recommended that Members:
- i) **Note the content of the report; and**
 - ii) **approve the draft community risk management implementation plan 2026/27 for consultation with Authority members, staff, relevant trade unions, stakeholders and the public prior to approval at the meeting of the Authority in March 2026.**

BACKGROUND

- 9 The approved objectives contained within the CRMIP 2026/27 will form the basis of the second years activity towards the delivery of the five-year Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) 2024-29, approved by the Authority at its meeting in July 2024.

INFORMATION

- 10 The development of improvement and well-being objectives, and subsequent consultation, has been brought forward in order to align objective setting with budget planning. This alignment should mitigate any significant in year expenditure, associated with delivery of the objectives, that had not been forecast.
- 11 Consultation will be hosted on the Authority's website utilising a Microsoft 365 application and will be run between 20 October and 14 December 2025.
- 12 It will be supported by internal and external communications including the use of social media.
- 13 It is intended that the draft CRMIP 2026/27 will follow North Wales Fire and Rescue Service (the Service)'s internal and external consultation process and include Members of the Authority, public, staff and other relevant stakeholders to provide feedback, prior to publishing it following the meeting of the Authority on 16 March 2026.
- 14 English and Welsh versions will be available along with an accessible, easy read format.

- 15 An Equality and Socio-economic Impact Assessment has been prepared and will be published alongside the consultation documents.
- 16 A Data Protection Impact Assessment has been completed in connection with any personal data that will be collected during the consultation.
- 17 Once the consultation has closed the feedback will be assessed and any necessary changes made to the CRMIP 2026/27 before results of the consultation are presented to the Executive Panel on 16 March 2026 and circulated to the Members of the Audit Committee.
- 18 The final version will be presented to the Executive Panel of the Fire Authority on 16 March 2026 for approval and subsequent publication on 31 March 2026.
- 19 Once published, progress against the CRMIP 2026/27 will be monitored through the Service Leadership Team (SLT)'s Performance Board.

IMPLICATIONS

Well-being Objectives	The Community Risk Management Plan 2024/29 and the Community Risk Management Implementation Plan 2026/27 contain a Well-being statement as required by the Act.
Budget	The alignment of the annual objective setting cycle with the budget planning cycle should mitigate any significant in year expenditure, associated with delivery of the objectives, that had not been forecast
Legal	The Community Risk Management Implementation Plan 2026/27 has been prepared in accordance with the relevant legislation. GDPR – A Data Protection Impact Assessment has been completed and reviewed by the DPO.
Staffing	None
Equalities/Human Rights/ Welsh Language	The Community Risk Management Implementation Plan supports the Authority's risk management arrangements
Risks	