**Public Consultation on….**

**Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service: Prevention, Protection and Response Strategy 2022-2027.**

**From Monday 4 July 2022 to Sunday 25 September 2022.**

**About this Consultation**

This consultation is to capture views on the Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service (WFRS)’s Prevention, Protection and Response Strategy 2022-2027.

**Background**

WFRS carries out fire and rescue functions on behalf of the Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Authority, Warwickshire County Council (WCC).

WFRS has a statutory duty under Section 21 of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 to comply with the [Fire and Rescue National Framework for England.](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/705060/National_Framework_-_final_for_web.pdf) This requires each fire and rescue service to produce a Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) and to give the communities that it serves an opportunity to give feedback on the Plan.

**About the Strategy**

The WFRS Prevention, Protection and Response Strategy 2022–2027 is one of four components of the Warwickshire CRMP. It sets out how we will make Warwickshire safer over the next five years and outlines the approach we will take to ensure the safety of communities and individuals who choose to live, work, do business, study in or visit Warwickshire.

The other three components of the Plan are:

1. The Risk Analysis - which assesses fire and rescue related risk in the community
2. Performance Measures - which measure the impact of the strategy on reducing risk in the community
3. The Statement of Assurance - which provides financial, governance and operational assurance to the community and government will be completed and published on an annual basis.

On 12 April 2022, the draft Prevention, Protection and Response Strategy 2022–2027 was approved by WCC’s Cabinet. They also approved it being released for consultation.

**What we are consulting about**

We are keen to ensure that everybody who needs us or works with us has an opportunity to share their views on our plans to keep everyone safe. We would therefore like your feedback on our Prevention, Protection and Response Strategy 2022-2027.

It is our job to ensure that we continually assess risk and ensure we keep the communities of Warwickshire safe. Using a wide range of intelligence and data we have carried out a risk analysis for Warwickshire and it is this analysis that drives our priorities and approach.

**Our priorities**

Our prevention, protection and response priorities are set out below. They are driven by risk and support our mission statement of keeping people safe at home, at work, travelling in and through Warwickshire and in their environment.

**Prevention priorities**

* We are identifying the most vulnerable people in our communities and improving their safety, health, and wellbeing through targeted prevention activities directly linked to vulnerability and risk.
* We are ensuring that our people and relevant partners have the necessary skills and capabilities to deliver a wide range of prevention activities to improve community safety.
* We are adopting a collaborative approach, sharing information, and learning with relevant stakeholders and partners to improve organisational performance and community safety outcomes.
* We are pro-actively engaging with, and supporting, relevant partners in reducing identified community risk for example road traffic collisions.
* We are ensuring that our people can act on safeguarding concerns and have the necessary skills and knowledge to do so.
* We are evaluating our integrated approach to ensure its effectiveness in reducing risk.

**Protection priorities**

* We are identifying those premises that pose the greatest risk and effectively targeting our resources to protect the built environment.
* We are ensuring accurate risk information is available to those that need it when they need it.
* We are strengthening our specialist Fire Protection capacity to ensure that we have a sustainable staffing model.
* We are developing our people to utilise more of our workforce to reduce community risk.
* We are supporting businesses to help themselves and encourage a strong fire safety culture.
* We are evaluating our integrated approach to ensure its effectiveness in reducing risk.

**Response priorities**

* We are “resourcing to risk”, which means we are providing a risk-based, effective and efficient response, because our communities expect us to be there when they need us.
* We are ensuring our people have the necessary skills and competencies to deliver prevention, protection and response activities because we are committed to keeping our community and people safe.
* We are strengthening our specialist response capability and developing our people in response to the broadening nature and increasing variation of the types of incidents we attend.
* We are ensuring accurate risk information is available to those that need it when they need it.

**Our Approach**

Our approach sets out how we will deliver on the priorities outlined above. It is based on four key areas:

* Risk – we will take an evidence and risk-based approach to everything we do
* Ethics – we will ensure that everything we do is ethical
* People – we will ensure we value our people as our people look after our communities.
* Sustainability – we will take a sustainable approach to everything we do.

We will measure the impact of our strategy on reducing risk in the community through measuring four key areas:

* Keeping people safe in their homes
* Keeping people safe whilst at work
* Keeping people safe as they travel in and through Warwickshire
* Keeping people safe in the environment.

WFRS is a trusted service at the heart of our communities, and it is important to us that we listen and respond to your views and feedback. We want to know what you think of our Prevention, Protection and Response Strategy 2022-2027.

**Supporting information**

The following information has been provided to assist you in understanding our strategy:

* Prevention, Protection and Response Strategy 2022 – 2027 - Draft

**Other supporting documents**

* Public Information Document – (This document)
* Equalities Impact Assessment
* Frequently Asked Questions
* WCC Council Plan

**How to take part**

You can give us your views by

* Completing the online survey – please click this link [Ask Warwickshire](https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/)
* By Email to:  mailto:wfrscrmp@warwickshire.gov.uk
* Writing to us directly at the address below

You can request a paper copy of the survey or request to have the survey made available in an alternative format or language.

By Email to:  mailto:wfrscrmp@warwickshire.gov.uk

Telephone 01926 423231

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**Privacy statement.**

Following the end of the consultation we shall publish the results, and this may include quotes of comments which will be anonymous. If you reply to an anonymous survey, then no personal details will be captured. If you volunteer to give us your name and contact details for a prize draw or to be notified on the results or to volunteer for a focus group, then these details will be kept securely but only used for these purposes. Information you provide in any additional correspondence to our surveys and consultations, including personal information, may be disclosed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and/or Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) and the Data Protection Act (DPA). If you want the information that you provide to be treated as confidential and not shared, including your contact details, please tell us why, but be aware that, under the Freedom of Information Act, we cannot always guarantee confidentiality. To see how we use your personal data and what your information rights are, please read our overall customer privacy notice at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/privacy or contact our Customer Service Centre on 01926 410410.

**Closing date**

The consultation will close on 25 September 2022.

**What will happen after the consultation?**

WCC’s Cabinet has authorised the Chief Fire Officer, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Fire and Rescue and Community Safety, to consider the feedback from this consultation and to subsequently finalise the strategy. We expect that the final strategy will be published in Autumn 2022.