

Open Report on behalf of Les Britzman, Chief Fire Officer

Report to:	Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee
Date:	17 March 2020
Subject:	Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Integrated Risk Management Plan 2020 – 2023 Consultation

Summary:
Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue’s Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) for 2020 – 2023 sets out how we plan to mitigate risks over the next 3 years.

Actions Required:
Members of the Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee are invited to consider the comments we have received from the members of the community and make recommendations for consideration.

1. Aim

The aim of this paper is to update the Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee on the forthcoming Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) for Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue.

1.1 Lincolnshire’s IRMP – Community Safety Plan

Our IRMP is a long-term plan which outlines Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue’s assessment of key risks to both our communities and the organisation itself. The IRMP drives the strategies we will adopt to mitigate those risks and enables the service to match our resources to risk, and individuals to interventions. We use the IRMP to develop further detailed plans, such as our annual service plan and the directorate plan.



1.2 Engagement

The engagement process of an IRMP is the key aspect in including the community in the direction of their service. Running alongside the CRP and IRMP the Communications Team (LCC) have advised and supported the project in devising a clear community engagement strategy that commenced on the 13th January 2020. The communication and engagement with our staff, communities and partners is critical in ensuring we have a holistic and inclusive IRMP.

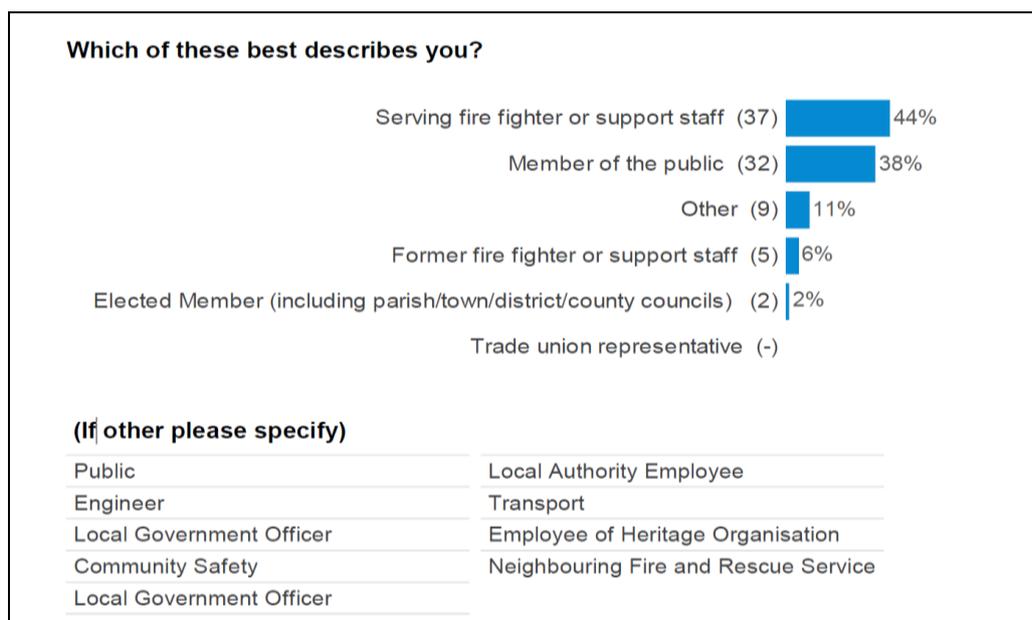
In addition we have worked closely with the LCC COMMS Team to create a public facing document, free from jargon along with being presented in an engaging manner. In addition, and for the first time in our consultation strategy, the COMMS Team have produced a video supporting this key area of engagement.



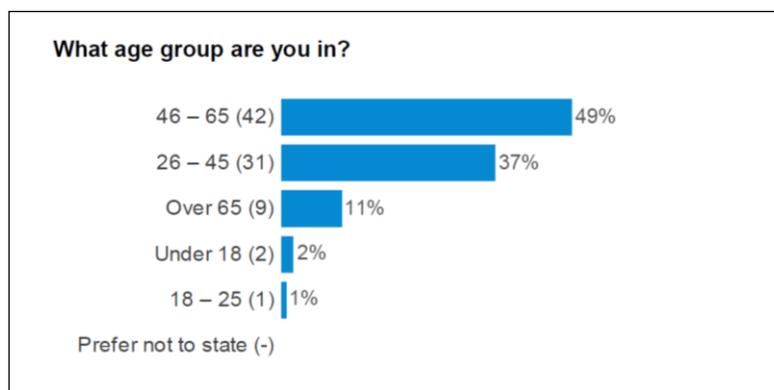
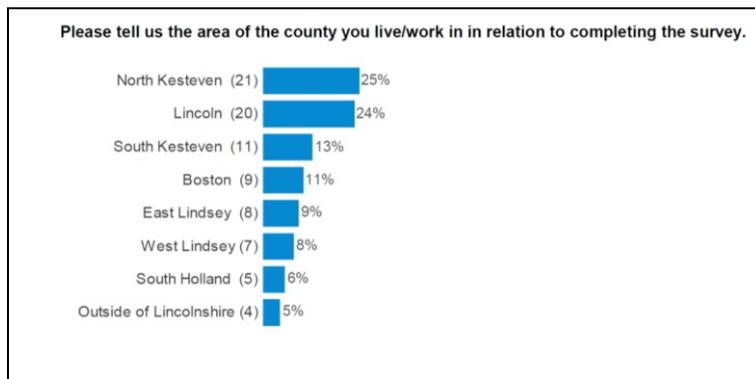
A full questionnaire is attached to this document; the survey can be accessed on the LCC / LFR Home page.

1.3 Community Profile

As part of the IRMP we consult with the members of the public to gain their views on the work we complete on their behalf, to date we have received 85 responses:

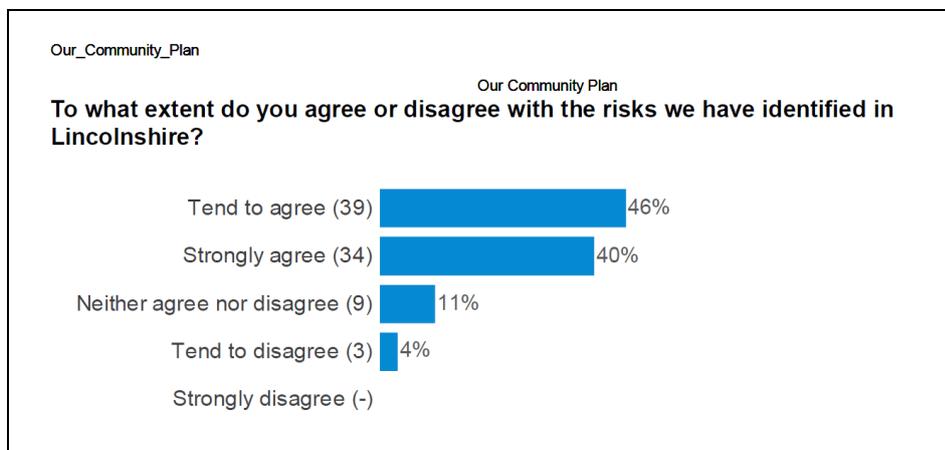


County Location & Age Range



1.4 Community Risk Profiling

To ensure we have a detailed understanding of our county we have completed a comprehensive review of the foreseeable risks within the county, of which is captured within our Community Risk Profile (CRP). We then asked the community, as part of the consultation, to comment on our work and if they agree with our plans and to seek alternative ideas. To date we have received the following comments:

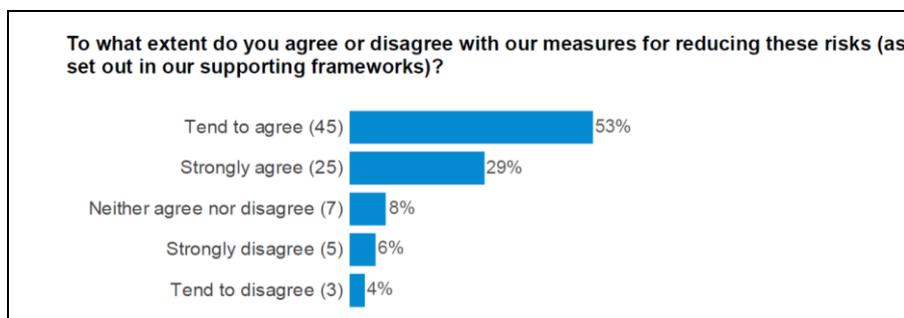


Example of respondent's free text:

- Drive times on the response element would be of assistance, along with how many risk based Inspections are being completed and HFSC.
- I am concerned with flooding in Lincoln. If Short Ferry hadn't flooded, Lincoln would have.
- The new South Park multi service base would have been flooded according to historic and predicted Environment Agency maps. If this is the case, where would the services relocate away from the old "bunker" in case of emergency?
- The influx of flats in tower and weather is definitely an issue
- We have a decent amount of RTCs in certain areas in the east linsey district
- Common sense.
- Covers the critical safety elements and risks of the area we live in
- One of the main problems are multi occupied houses, and the lack of inspection.
- Not sure about wellbeing. I don't want the fire service to try and be social services.
- I see the possibility of the risk changing. At the moment fires are usually self-contained, but a major fire in standing crops, a little like Australia is having at the moment, or major flooding should a large section of a sea bank collapse, would be new ground to LFR. Another greater risk would be something no one has foreseen.
- Community risks look comprehensive and good to see high rise is in there - Lincoln only has 3 I believe but after Grenfell this needs to be a priority.
- You seem to have covered every aspect of what is required of you
- Being a rural and widespread county, we need a fire service that can respond and be competent in their role

2. To what extent do you agree or disagree with our measures

The next stage of the consultation was to seek comments and ideas on the plans we have in place in making Lincolnshire safer, stronger and more resilient. With the following data being received:



Example of respondent's free text:

- Frameworks are not accessible to read.
- Don't think we should build tower blocks/flats due to fire issue and lack of escape.
- It would help decrease the time spent on a call in case another call comes in, of course risks need to be reduced.
- Clear requirement for an increase in full time staff considering the year on year decrease in on-call availability.
- A good plan for delivery.
- The plan is good but to the public it needs breaking down into items that is what they need not what the fire service want for the public.
- Many things seem to be taken out of Local Fire Authorities control, but when things go wrong, the fire authorities get the job of picking up the pieces. There may be different arguments about Grenfell Tower.
- The cleaning out the river Steeping at Wainfleet and the River Withams bank collapsing.
- Supporting frameworks not yet available in detail but seem to be pitched appropriately.
- Financial constraints will restrict LFR approaches.
- Plans to locate vulnerable groups and gain their confidence to share safety messages to minimize risk.
- As previously stated.
- Good effort to minimise the risks.
- Well written.
- No detail at all.
- Seem sensible, but a few buzz words in there, eg 'framework'.
- A flexible approach to the size of the county whilst understanding the need of the community based against the legal responsibility.
- Believe education is key, not just for the community in fire/accident prevention but also for every level of the workforce, from training to maintaining and running of the service through understanding of individual roles and their impact.
- Education is important so being able to educate people identified in the risk groups should reduce the number of incidents Fire and Rescue are attending.
- As village resident's association member, I've not seen anything change in our village in the last 5 years, communication is poor.

3. The next stage

The service will continue to assess the comments received by the public as part of the IRMP Consultation Process; this will ensure we have the best possible plan for the county of Lincolnshire.

To support this, after feedback, we have increased the time period (31st March) of the consultation process to ensure that members of the public and staff can fully digest our supporting frameworks that provide greater detail in how our plans are delivered.

Timeline - 2020

- January 13th – Consultation Commenced
- January 28th- Scrutiny Committee – IRMP Project update
- March 17th – Scrutiny Committee – Update on consultation
- April 2020- Publish IRMP

4. Consultation

a) Have Risks and Impact Analysis been carried out?

N/A

b) Risks and Impact Analysis

N/A

5. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Your Views Leaflet - Your service, your say

6. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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