

ESSEX FIRE AUTHORITY

Essex County Fire & Rescue Service



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**Audit, Governance and Review
Committee**

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SUBJECT

Programme 2020 - Progress Report

REPORT BY

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PRESENTED BY

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SUMMARY

This report provides members of the Fire Authority with an update on the work undertaken within Programme 2020 and provides a forward view of planned work and deliverables.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members of the Audit, Governance and Review committee are asked to note the content of this report.

BACKGROUND

Programme 2020 was initiated in February 2015 and is the mechanism through which the Service will deliver the future change programme of Essex Fire Authority and which has at its heart four declared priorities for the Authority's future strategy namely that it will be Service led, Community focussed, Values driven and Financially sustainable.

Using the Managing Successful Programmes (MSP) methodology the programme has two distinct phases; definition and delivery.

The programme is currently in the definition phase during which time the research, analysis and public consultation is being undertaken.

SUMMARY OF PROGRESS

The significant focus of the Programme to date has been the Options Consultation which began on 1st February 2016 and runs until 25th April 2016.

In relation to this current consultation, the following key points are of note:

- The Consultation scope, strategy and documentation were all signed off by The Consultation Institute prior to the launch;
- Employee face-to-face consultation programme has delivered over 30 presentations to groups of employees;
- Exhibitions held at 17 locations around Essex, Southend and Thurrock were attended by almost 600 members of the public;
- The Consultation document was distributed to libraries, hospitals, surgeries;
- Officers have continued social media activity throughout the consultation period;
- There have been weekly press releases;
- There have been 8 focus groups with members of the public;
- There have been 5 focus groups with employees;
- There has been 1 partner focus group; and
- The mid-point review with The Consultation Institute was signed off with no issues.

NEXT STEPS

The following key activities have been planned as we progress towards the meeting of Essex Fire Authority on the 8th June:

- Following a mid-point review with members of the Fire Authority additional public exhibitions have been scheduled at 7 shopping centres across Essex, Southend and Thurrock;
- An EFA Members workshop is planned for 27th April to discuss initial feedback and next steps for the Programme;
- Consultation responses to be analysed and reported on by Opinion Research Services; and
- Results of the consultation will be presented at the June 8th meeting of the Essex Fire Authority.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk management implications arising from the matters dealt with in this paper however the activities being undertaken as part of the Authority's Programme 2020 are in themselves risk mitigation activities.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from the matters dealt with in this paper

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications arising from the matters dealt with in this paper

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no equality implications arising from the matters dealt with in this paper.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications arising from the matters dealt with in this paper.

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