

UPDATE ON ACTIONS / RESOLUTIONS



AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE **MONDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2018**

The following provides an update against the actions / resolutions agreed at the Audit and Governance Committee on 17th September 2018:

Minute 12 – South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Corporate Risk Register – September 2018

- To inform Members of the reason why the risk score in respect of partnerships had increased.

Response – Emailed to Members by Mel McCoolle on 28 September 2018

Please note the following response provided by Nicola Smith:-

The risk score had actually decreased during the first quarter 2018/19 compared to the previous quarter (reported in May 2018). The risk had reduced from a 9 to a 6, with an explanation at paragraph 18 that this was being downgraded to the Community Safety Departmental Risk Register. The risk heat map diagram in the report showed the original risk score when the risk was raised compared to the current quarter's risk score, with different coloured dots representing each. The partnerships risk score was in the same box but there was an arrow linking the two dots. Whilst the current 'dot' (pink) was above the original 'dot' (blue) the risk was the same score as when it was raised. She indicated that she could put the dots side by side in future to avoid confusion, and that if it would be beneficial to Members, she could produce a risk trend report similar to the FRA report, which would show the change quarter on quarter, and would supplement the risk map which showed the original risk score vs current.

- To provide Members with the Cyber Essentials Plus certification information.

Response – Emailed to Members by Mel McCoolle on 4 October 2018

Please note the following response provided by Steven Locking:-

A major national cyber security award has been granted to South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue - one of the only fire and rescue services in the country to have achieved the mark.

The award of the Cyber Essentials Plus certification, verified independently by an approved accreditation body, recognises the steps the Service's ICT team has taken to protect the organisation against cyber threats.

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South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue was already Cyber Essentials accredited, but achieved the Plus rating following a random sample of devices and systems.

Director of Support Services Stuart Booth, said: “Cyber threats are a real issue for national and local government institutions, which is why our ICT team have been working so hard behind the scenes to safeguard our systems and data. Achieving the Cyber Essentials Plus certification provides important reassurance to our partners and the public.

“Whilst we can feel safe in the knowledge that our systems and equipment are as safe as they can be, the nature of cyber threats mean that they are constantly changing and evolving, so all staff should remain vigilant when using IT systems, email and the internet.”

Cyber Essentials is a Government-backed, industry-supported scheme to help organisations protect themselves against common online threats. It’s run in conjunction with the National Cyber Security Centre.

Common steps organisations take to protect themselves from threats include making sure our devices and software are up to date, using an internet firewall and implementing measures to stop viruses and malware. It’s also important to control who has access to data and services and to choose the most secure settings for the devices and software our staff use.

Cyber Security was identified as a Tier 1 threat by the Government in the 2010 National Security Strategy, alongside terrorism, war and natural disasters.

In addition it has also been announced that the new ESN network replacing Airwave will require Cyber Essentials.

Please also see the document attached to the email.

The following action was outstanding from the Audit and Governance Committee held on 25 June 2018. An update is provided below for Members’ information.

Minute 16 – South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Corporate Risk Register

- v) To be provided with a brief precis on the re-tender exercise that had been undertaken in relation to insurance, to the next Committee meeting.

Response from Adrian Hunt, Strategic Risk, Insurance and Governance Manager (BMBC)

- **Information was sent to Members by email on 20th September 2018**, but is included below for completeness:

South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue – Insurance Arrangements 2018 / 19

1. Introduction and Background

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- 1.1 South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue (SYFR) Service's insurance were retendered in March 2018, in order to ensure a robust package of insurances were in place for 01/04/2018.
- 1.2 The retendering arrangements were led by the Strategic risk, Insurance and Governance Manager (BMBC) with support from the Insurance Broker for SYFR, Gallaghers.
- 1.3 The outcomes of the retender exercise were reported to the Director of Support Services in March 2018, prior to new insurances being formally placed.
- 1.4 All insurances in place for SYFR benefit from slight discounts as a result of entering 3 year 'long term agreements' until 31/03/2020. There is an option to extend this arrangement for a further two years, should both parties be agreeable.

2. Challenges and Opportunities

- 2.1 In terms of costs, changes to the [Insurance Discount Rate](#) have significantly affected insurance premiums relating to those insurances that provide liability indemnity, such as public and employer's liability, and motor insurance.
- 2.2 The long term agreements in place have made exploring alternative insurance arrangements, such as the [Fire and Rescue Indemnity Company](#) (FRIC) unnecessary at this time. The impact of the changes to the Insurance Discount Rate is likely to have some effect on quantum of claims settlements for the FRIC (along with other insurers) which may affect their ability to settle significant liability claims.

3. Current Arrangements

- 3.1 The table below details the current insurance arrangements in place for SYFR.

Type of Insurance	Provider
Public Liability	Zurich Municipal
Employers Liability	
Products Liability	
Officials Indemnity	
Motor Insurance	QBE Insurers
Property Insurance	Zurich Municipal
Libel and Slander	Zurich Municipal
Hirers Liability Insurance	Zurich Municipal
Aviation Liability	Starr Underwriting
Marine Insurance	RSA Insurance
Personal Accident/ Travel	Zurich Municipal

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