

SCRUTINY ADVISORY BOARD – COMMUNITIES AND PLACE

Meeting date: 25 November 2019

From: Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service

RAPID RESPONSE VEHICLES – EVALUATION REPORT

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To share with Scrutiny the outcome of the 6 month pilot of Rapid Response Vehicles in Arnside and Staveley.

2.0 ISSUES FOR SCRUTINY

- 2.1 Members are asked to:
 - 2.1.1 Note the outcome of the pilot.
 - 2.1.2 Consider if the pilot has met the stated aims and objectives.

3.0 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 In September 2018 CFRS gave a presentation to Scrutiny Board on Rapid Response Vehicles. These smaller, state-of-the-art 4x4 vehicles have been rolled out in a number of other fire and rescue services as an alternative to larger appliances such as the Type B appliances that form part of the Cumbria fleet.
- 3.2 As part of the new Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) 2019-23 the Cumbria Fire and Rescue Authority (Full Council) committed to: *“Following the evaluation of a pilot, we will consider replacing the large fire engines at Arnside, Staveley and Frizington, and the second fire engine at Maryport, with smaller, more agile Rapid Response Vehicles (RRV) that are more suitable to the risk, demand and geography of our county.”*
- 3.3 A 6 month pilot was conducted between 15 April 2019 and 15 October 2019. The attached evaluation report sets out the aims, objectives and methodology of the pilot and evaluates the outcomes and shares feedback that has been received.

- 3.4 In conclusion, the report demonstrates that the pilot has delivered against its objectives and has demonstrated increased efficiency and effectiveness in terms of service response to the communities where they have been operating.
- 3.5 The Service is now developing a plan to roll-out RRVs to the other station areas as set out in the IRMP.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 – Rapid Response Vehicle: Evaluation report following 6 month pilot

Previous Relevant Council or Executive Decisions ***[including Local Committees]***

Integrated Risk Management Plan	Cabinet	21 March 2019
Integrated Risk Management Plan	Council	11 April 2019

Background Papers

No background papers

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