



## Prevention Policy Statement

### **The Authority will aim to ensure that the Service:**

1. Undertakes a risk targeted programme of proactive community safety activity to provide members of the public with an understanding of risk and provide suitable prevention advice, providing, where appropriate, equipment such as smoke alarms to mitigate risk.
2. Engages with partners and local communities to reduce the number of fires and other risks by working together and sharing relevant data intelligence.
3. Delivers a programme of road safety education with its partners to reduce the number of persons killed or seriously injured.
4. Engages with young people to deliver a variety of targeted education programmes to help them make safer and healthier choices.
5. Engages with communities and partner agencies to seek to reduce fire-setting behaviours.
6. Has appropriate training, processes and partner working arrangements in place to ensure that it complies with its statutory duties and moral obligations to help identify and safeguard vulnerable adults and children from harm.
7. Learns from major incidents and wider concerns to ensure its integrated approach to protection, prevention and operational response.

### **Compliance and assurance:**

The Authority delegates these policy objectives to the Chief Fire Officer who will ensure that adequate procedures are in place and are appropriately resourced. The Chief Fire Officer will monitor and assure this policy through reviewing performance against a robust performance framework.

They will also conduct a review of the effectiveness of this policy to support the Services annual Statement of Assurance, required under the for Fire and Rescue National Framework for England, which will be approved by the Authority. The Service will also assure through reports received and judgements made by His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services.

Performance and risk reduction will also be monitored at a local level through four quarterly Local Performance and Scrutiny (LPS) Committees.



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