
CLEVELAND FIRE AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING



29 AUGUST 2025

PRESENT:

CHAIR

Councillor David Coupe – Middlesbrough Council

HARTLEPOOL BOROUGH COUNCIL

Councillor Gary Allen

REDCAR & CLEVELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

Councillor Peter Chaney

STOCKTON ON TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

Councillor Mick Stoker

AUTHORISED OFFICERS

Treasurer, Legal Adviser and Monitoring Officer

ACFO - Director of Strategic Planning, People & Resources

ACFO - Director of Service Delivery

APOLOGIES:

Chief Fire Officer

Councillor Bob Buchan – Hartlepool Borough Council

Councillors Mary Ovens, David Taylor – Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council

34. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

It was noted no Declarations of Interests were submitted to the meeting.

35 REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

35.1 Draft Community Risk Management Plan 2026-30

The Assistant Chief Fire Officer-Director of Strategic Planning, People and Resources (ACFO-DSPPR) delivered a detailed presentation to Members outlining the Brigade's Draft Community Risk Management Plan for the period covering 2026 - 2030.

The presentation covered the following key areas:

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| • CFBs Approach | • Prevention |
| • Risk Modelling | • Protection |
| • Stakeholder Consultation | • Response |
| • Professional Judgement | • Resources |
| • People | • Strategic Planning |

35.1 Draft Community Risk Management Plan 2026-30 cont.

The Assistant Chief Fire Officer – Director of Service Delivery (ACFO-DSD) informed Members that a strategic assessment of risk had been completed by ORH and a detailed report produced based on the last four years of incident data. This included efficiency savings options and how that could look regarding configuration.

The ACFO-DSPPR outlined the next steps for the CRMP process, which was to launch a 12-week consultation from 8 September to 1 December ahead of further engagement on the Brigade's mission, vision and purpose which Members agreed needed to be succinct. Final sign-off by the Authority was due in the new year for the document to go live on 1 April 2026. She added that a competition had been launched to create the front cover of the document with the winning design featuring on the final version of the CRMP 2026-30.

Councillor Allen acknowledged the high response from the pre-consultation survey and asked how areas with lower response rates will be addressed for the full consultation. The ACFO-DSPPR confirmed that crews and the prevention team will be briefed on where to promote the survey and this information can be shared with Members to ensure no key areas are missed within their districts. Councillor Allen suggested the community hubs in Hartlepool would be a good place to capture residents.

Councillor Allen also asked if additional resources would be required to deliver the priorities in the new CRMP. The ACFO-DSPPR confirmed that high level priorities needed to be achievable regardless of the financial situation and that there would be an action plan in place to monitor all priorities over the four years to ensure they remained deliverable.

The Chair thanked the ACFO-DSPPR for the presentation and for incorporating the feedback from the pre-consultation survey. She also passed on thanks to the workforce for embracing the opportunity to be involved in the planning process.

RESOLVED - That Members noted the strategic planning activities associated with the development of the draft CRMP 2026-30, as outlined in the detailed presentation, and approved the document for consultation.

COUNCILLOR DAVID COUPE
CHAIR