



**Northern Ireland  
Fire & Rescue Service**

# **COMMUNITY RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN (CRMP) 2025-2030**

## **PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

### **'HAVE YOUR SAY'**

A photograph of a car engulfed in flames at night, with bright orange and yellow fire and thick black smoke rising from the vehicle. The scene is illuminated by the fire and some external light sources, creating a dramatic and urgent atmosphere.

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# INTRODUCTIONS

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# BACKGROUND

- > Prior to CRMP – NIFRS used IRMP to inform strategic operational resource deployment.
- > Following an independent review IRMP was replaced by CRMP and is underpinned with current guidance and advice.
- > UK Fire Standards Board & National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC)
- > NFCC have set National Guidance for the consistent development of CRMPs across the whole fire sector.

# Community Risk Management Plan

Assess all foreseeable fire and rescue related risks that could affect communities including:

- > Local,
- > Cross-border
- > National

# Community Risk Management Plan

Mitigate the risks through:

- > Adjusting existing provision,
- > Effective collaboration and partnership working, or
- > Building new capability

# WHY OUR CRMP IS IMPORTANT

- > Sets the direction/road map for improvement over the next 5 years.
- > Sets out in detail who we are as a service, the work that we will carry out, and the steps that we take to respond and prevent emergencies arising in the first place.
- > Helps to prioritise how we spend our budget.

# INFORMING OUR CRMP

- > In developing our CRMP we have reviewed –
  - > Our Strategic Focus
  - > Our Mission, Purpose, Values & Outcomes
  - > Programme for Government (PfG) alignment
  - > Wider sector CRMPs
  - > Emergent risk area
  - > We have developed a Strategic Assessment of Risk.



# KEY SECTIONS

- > The CRMP document encompasses key information on our–
  - > Legislative Environment;
  - > Oversight & Accountability Arrangements;
  - > Current Resources, Organisational & Operational Composition;
  - > Planning Basis;
  - > Community – Geography/Demographics/Deprivation
  - > Risks & historical analysis of demand; and
  - > 5-year Strategic Focus – 6 new Strategic Outcomes

# UNDERSTANDING OUR RISKS IS IMPORTANT

- > Strategic Assessment of Risk
- > Ensures all potential and foreseeable risks to community are considered.
- > Underpins our strategies and annual delivery plans
- > We consider National, Local and emergent risks:
  - > Hazardous materials
  - > Loss of critical infrastructure in NI
  - > Major incidents
  - > Climate change – storms, flooding, wildland fires.
  - > Vehicle technology and renewable energy.

# KEY CRMP DELIVERABLES:

- > We know that we need to –
  - > Review our Service Delivery Model;
  - > Improve our IT systems;
  - > Introduce other interventions to support our current Prevention & Protection;
  - > Strengthen our planning, resilience and risk information;
  - > Strengthen our support for staff;
  - > Strengthen our governance systems.

# HOW CAN COUNCILS HELP NIFRS

- > Please give us your Feedback and complete a response.
- > Be an advocate of our CRMP by sharing it with your colleagues, communities and partner organisations.
- > Help us shape the future of your fire and rescue service.

Everyone's opinion matters to us – this is our 1<sup>st</sup> step on this CRMP Journey.

# HOW CAN COUNCILS HELP NIFRS (continued)

- > Our CRMP public consultation overview and response form should only take around 15 minutes to complete.
- > **Online**
- > **Email – (Download Printable Version and emailed to [CRMP@nifrs.org](mailto:CRMP@nifrs.org))**
- > **Post to**  
Community Risk Management Planning,  
NIFRS Headquarters,  
1 Seymour Street, Lisburn,  
BT27 4SX.

Public Consultation closes on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**





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**THANK YOU**

**We look forward to hearing from you  
– Questions?**

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