MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY			
MEETING OF THE:	**AUTHORITY COMMITTEE**		
DATE:	**18 MAY 2023**	**REPORT NO:**	CFO/013/23
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TITLE OF REPORT:	**PREVENTION FIRE STANDARD IMPLEMENTATION**		

APPENDICES:	**APPENDIX A:**	**PREVENTION FIRE STANDARD**
	APPENDIX B:	**PREVENTION FIRE STANDARD – IMPLEMENTATION TOOLKIT**

Purpose of Report

1. To provide Members with confirmation of the full implementation of the Prevention Fire Standard

Recommendation

2. It is recommended that Members note the contents of this report and its appendices.

Introduction and Background

3. The Prevention Fire Standard was issued by the Fire Standards Board (FSB) on 30th July 2021 as contained in Appendix A and includes 12 specific criteria for FRS's to adopt to comply with the requirements therein.

4. To assist FRS's in tracking and monitoring the implementation of each Fire Standard published, an implementation toolkit is also provided, a copy of which is contained in Appendix B. All implementation toolkits relating to MFRS Fire Standards are stored on the portal within the Strategy and Performance Directorate.

5. The overarching desired outcome of the Prevention Fire Standard is described by the FSB as follows:

    A fire and rescue service that works to educate its communities to adopt safer behaviours, improving their safety, health and wellbeing. One that reduces community related risks identified through its community risk management planning and reduces incidents through delivering effective, efficient and targeted prevention activities.

A service with a learning and sharing culture, working collaboratively with others where appropriate, seeking to improve and innovate prevention activities. One that contributes to a more consistent national approach to reducing risk and keeping communities safe.

https://www.firestandards.org/standards/approved/prevention-fsd-pre01/

6.   The implementation of the Prevention Fire Standard underpins each of the key deliverables within the Prevention Functional Delivery Plan. Progress has been tracked by the Area Manager of Prevention and Prevention Department Heads with updates provided to CRM (Prevention) Board at regular frequencies.

7.   MFRS are well positioned in terms of its Prevention activity and were broadly compliant already against the Prevention Fire Standard on its introduction. Using the Fire Standard implementation tool by way of confirmation of Prevention activity, MFRS can now demonstrate compliance against all criteria.

8.   Additionally, MFRS identified that the implementation toolkit did not provide a facility for any FRS to capture details or evidence of where they may exceed the minimum requirements stipulated within the Standard. Consequently, MFRS made suggestions to the FSB for the addition of an 'areas of good practice' section to be added to the implementation toolkit. This suggestion was accepted and supported by the FSB.

Equality and Diversity Implications

9.   All functional plan deliverables, including the implementation of the Prevention Fire Standard have been assessed from an equality and diversity perspective and recorded in the associated Equality Impact Assessment (EIA).

Staff Implications

10   MFRS officers have been engaged through NFCC at the Home Safety Committee and as such were invited as contributory partners to the development of the Prevention Fire Standard. As such, staff implications regarding current work practices are considered to be minimal but will be constantly reviewed and monitored via extant managerial forums and reporting measures within the Prevention Directorate.

Legal Implications

11.   There are no direct legal implications arising from this report. Full implementation of these criteria ensures full accordance with the Prevention Fire Standard.

Financial Implications & Value for Money

12. There are no financial implications in respect of this report.

Risk Management, Health & Safety, and Environmental Implications

13. Full implementation of the Prevention Fire Standard aligns departmental activities to National standard requirements and ensures provision of effective Prevention related services to the communities of Merseyside.

Contribution to Our Vision:	*To be the best Fire & Rescue Service in the UK.*
Our Purpose:	*Here to serve, Here to protect, Here to keep you safe.*

14. MFRS are recognised leaders in Prevention activity. Officers lead national work streams which support the professionalising of the Prevention function within the UK Fire and Rescue Sector. Officers have also contributed to the creation of the Fire Standard for Prevention and have been engaged by the FSB Chairs, putting MFRS well placed to deliver the highest quality service.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

CRM	Community Risk Management
EIA	Equality Impact Assessment
FRS	Fire and Rescue Service
FSB	Fire Standards Board
MFRS	Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service
NFCC	National Fire Chief's Council

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FIRE STANDARDS BOARD

PREVENTION

DESIRED OUTCOME

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BUSINESS AREAS

Service Delivery

CAPABILITIES

Prevention

Date approved
29 Jul 2021

Date issued
30 Jul 2021

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31 Jul 2024

Reference number
FSD-PRE01

WHAT IS REQUIRED TO MEET THE FIRE STANDARD

A fire and rescue service **must**:

1. identify those who are most at risk in its community and target prevention activities in an inclusive way, through its community risk management planning;
2. adopt a person-centred approach that places the individual and the community it serves at the core of its prevention activity;
3. develop a prevention strategy and plan with the flexibility to proactively respond and adapt to the changing needs of its community, and for this to be supported by a named lead for prevention from within the service;
4. recruit, train, and develop employees and volunteers, working with others where relevant, to establish and maintain a competent and professional prevention workforce. This includes being qualified in accordance with relevant legislation and requirements for example safeguarding;
5. optimise resources to proactively engage and educate the community it serves, working collaboratively with others as and when appropriate;
6. demonstrate inclusivity by recognising the diversity of its community and providing equality of access;

7. utilise and share accurate and consistent data and intelligence, from a variety of sources to support evidence-based decision making and the deployment of appropriate resources for prevention activities;
8. demonstrate how it monitors and evaluates the effectiveness and efficiency of its prevention activity;
9. generate a culture which embraces national and organisational learning allowing it to identify and capture feedback from a range of sources; evaluate, share and act upon it to drive innovation and continuous improvement and enhance future performance.

Where Fire Investigation is managed within a fire and rescue service's prevention function, a fire and rescue service **must**:

10. investigate, report on and learn from the cause and behaviour of fires, working with others when appropriate.

To support this Fire Standard, a fire and rescue service **should**:

11. contribute to the continual improvement of prevention activities coordinated through the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) network; and
12. contribute and support national campaigns, where appropriate and where resources are available.

EXPECTED BENEFITS OF ACHIEVING THE FIRE STANDARD

1. Improved safety, health and wellbeing of communities leading to a reduction in incidents, injuries, serious injuries and fatalities.
2. Improved competency in the prevention workforce, including an increase in the number of employees and volunteers trained.
3. Improved evaluation to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of prevention activities.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS OR MANDATORY DUTIES

This Fire Standard reflects only the most appropriate legislation to this topic. We recognise that fire and rescue services must comply with a broader list of legislation to undertake their duties, which would be applicable to all standards. View the legislation which applies to all Fire Standards.

- The Road Traffic Act, Section 39
- Home Safety Act
- Housing Act
- Children's Act
- Working Together to Safeguard Children
- Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act and the Protection of Freedoms Act
- United Nations Human Rights Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Mental Capacity Act and Mental Health Act
- Police & Crime Act
- Modern Slavery Act
- Crime and Disorder Act
- Counter Terrorism and Security Act
- The Care Act

- Homelessness Reduction Act
- Anti-social Behaviour Crime & Policing Act

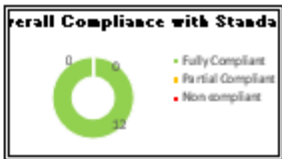## LINKED QUALIFICATIONS, ACCREDITATIONS OR FIRE STANDARDS

- Protection Fire Standard
- Safeguarding Fire Standard
- Fire Investigation Fire Standard
- Community Risk Management Planning Fire Standard
- Code of Ethics Fire Standard
- Operational Fire fighter Apprenticeship
- Community Safety Advisor Apprenticeship

GUIDANCE AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- StayWise
- NFCC Children and Young People Guidance
- NFCC Person Centred Framework
- Standard Data Requirement Person Centred Framework

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Overall Compliance with Standards
- Fully Compliant
- Partial Compliant
- Non compliant

Criteria	Description	Priority			Impact			Compliance			
		Low	Medium	High	Low	Medium	High	Fully Compliant	Partially Compl iant	Non Compl iant	Chart
1	Identify those who are most at risk in its community and target prevention activities in an inclusive way, through its community risk management planning	1	5	4	1	2	7	10	0	0	
2	Adopt a person-centred approach that places the individual and the community it serves at the core of its prevention activity	1	3	4	0	3	5	8	0	0	
3	Develop a prevention strategy and plan with the flexibility to proactively respond and adapt to the changing needs of its community, and for this to be supported by a named lead for prevention from within	0	0	5	0	0	5	5	0	0	
4	Recruit, train, and develop employees and volunteers, working with others where relevant, to establish and maintain a competent and professional prevention workforce of which are trained in safeguarding	1	1	3	0	2	3	5	0	0	
5	Optimise resources to proactively engage and educate the community it serves, working collaboratively with others as and when appropriate	0	2	5	0	2	5	7	0	0	
6	Demonstrate inclusivity by recognising the diversity of its community and providing equality of access	0	4	2	0	2	4	6	0	0	
7	Utilise and share accurate data and intelligence, from a variety of sources to support evidence-based decision making and the deployment of appropriate resources for prevention activities	0	1	4	0	1	4	5	0	0	
8	Demonstrate how it monitors and evaluates the effectiveness and efficiency of its prevention activity	0	2	2	1	1	2	4	0	0	
9	Generate a culture which embraces national and organisational learning allowing it to identify and capture feedback from a range of sources; evaluate, share and act upon it to drive innovation and continuous improvement and enhance future performance	0	4	1	0	4	1	5	0	0	
10	Investigate, report on and learn from the cause of fires, including the unusual spread of fire, where fire investigation activity is managed within its fire protection function, working with others, when	0	0	4	0	0	4	4	0	0	
11	Contribute to the continual improvement of prevention activities coordinated through the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) network	4	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	
12	Contribute and support national campaigns, where appropriate and where resources are available	0	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	
	Total	7	23	35	2	21	42	65	0	0	

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