



Protection Policy Statement

The Authority will aim to ensure that the Service:

1. Works with businesses and partners to maintain a robust fire safety enforcement strategy and proactively share information and expectations on compliance to ensure conformity with statutory requirements.
2. Delivers fire safety work through a systematic and evidence-based risk inspection programme.
3. Has a robust approach to reduce the burden of automatic fire false alarms to maximise its operational efficiency.
4. Works closely with other agencies sharing information about fire and other emerging risks to enable joint enforcement action.
5. Reacts to safety concerns that have been received by partners and members of the public to increase compliance and confidence in fire safety regulations.
6. 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 Director of Community Safety 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 as part of the Service's annual Statement of Assurance required under the 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 Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS).

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



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