

**PRINCIPLE 7  
COMPLIANCE TO NATIONAL FRAMEWORK 2012**

**OWNER**  
Chief Fire Officer (CFO)

The priorities in the National Framework are for fire and rescue authorities to:

- identify and assess the full range of foreseeable fire and rescue related risks their areas face; make provision for prevention and protection activities; and respond to incidents appropriately.
- work in partnership with their communities and a wide range of partners locally and nationally to deliver their service.
- be accountable to communities for the service they provide.

**CONTRIBUTORS**  
Service Management Team (SMT)

Must Do	
1	Safer Communities
2	Accountable to Communities
3	Assurance

Ref	Must Do	How this is evidenced	CFRS Department	Compliant	Assurance mechanism
1.3	Produce an integrated risk management plan that identifies and assesses all foreseeable fire and rescue related risks that could affect its community, including those of a cross-border multi-authority and/or national nature.	IRMP Action Plan <a href="#">IRMP for 2013-14 Summary of the plan</a>  Four Year Strategy <a href="#">Four-Year Strategy 2011 to 2015 (new window PDF 1.5 MB)</a>  Community Risk Register <a href="#">Community Risk Register</a>	Policy Planning & Communications Operational Policy & Assurance	Y	External Audit Members Approval

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1.9	Work with communities to identify and protect them from risk and to prevent incidents from occurring.	Public Survey <a href="#">Community Risk Register</a>  IRMP Consultation <a href="#">IRMP Consultation</a> H S A Targeting Methodology <a href="#">Community Fire Safety Risk Analysis &amp; Targeting Policy</a> (edocs 237) <a href="#">HSA Policy</a> Community Risk Model <a href="#">Community Risk Management Model</a>	Prevention & Protection	Y	Internal Audit Consultation and Survey Feedback
1.10	Each fire and rescue authority integrated risk management plan must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ demonstrate how prevention, protection and response activities will best be used to mitigate the impact of risk</li> <li>▪ Set out its management strategy and risk based programme for enforcing the provision of Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order.</li> </ul>	IRMP Proposals/Action Plan <a href="#">IRMP</a> RRO Policy <a href="#">Fire Safety Order</a>	Prevention & Protection	Y	Audit Member Approval
1.11	Make provision to respond to incidents such as fires, road traffic accidents and emergencies within their area and other areas in line with mutual aid agreements.	Section 13 & 16 of fire Services Act <a href="#">IRMP</a>	OP&A Service Delivery	Y	Debrief Policy and Operational Learning Platform IRMP
1.14	Have effective business continuity arrangements in place in accordance with duties under Civil Contingencies Act 2004.	<a href="#">Statement of Assurance</a> Crisis Management Plan Departmental Business	Operational Policy & Assurance	Y	Annual Governance Statement

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		Continuity Plans (tested) Business Continuity exercise (annual) Not available for public viewing			Risk Management Board Internal Audit Business Continuity Exercises
1.15	Collaborate with other fire and rescue authorities to deliver interoperability.	North West Fire Control JESIP Programme	Operational Policy & Assurance	Improving	Evaluation of NWFC JESIP Programme
1.17	Collaborate with other FRAs, other emergency services, wider Category 1&2 responders and Local Resilience Forums to ensure interoperability.	Cheshire Resilience Forum (CRF) (ToR & minutes) Local Resilience Forum JESIP Programme Cluster Exercise Programme Training Strategy	Operational Policy & Assurance	Y	Minutes of CRF meetings JESIP Programme updates Cluster Exercise Reports
1.26	Engage with the fire and rescue strategic resilience board in order to support discussions and decision making.	Attend CFOA National Ops Committee	Assistant Chief Fire Officer	Y	Minutes of Meetings CFOA Operational Bulletins
1.29	Fire and rescue authorities risk assessments must include an analysis of any gaps between existing capability and national resilience.	Operational Learning Platform NRAT Capability Audits	Operational Policy & Assurance	Improving	Quarterly Reporting
1.31	Fire and rescue authorities must highlight to the department or the Fire and Rescue strategic resilience board, any capability gaps that cannot be met having taken	NRAT Audits	Operational Policy & Assurance	Improving	NRAT Capability

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	into account mutual aid arrangements, pooling and reconfiguration of resources and collective action.				Audit reports
1.33	Fire and Rescue strategic resilience board, to provide assurance to Government that risks are assessed, plans are in place and any gaps between existing capability and national resilience are identified and fit for purpose and any new capabilities commissioned to deliver by Government are procured, maintained and managed cost effectively.	Cheshire Resilience Forum NRAT Capability Audits Risk Management Board (RMB)	Operational Policy & Assurance	Y	Cheshire Resilience Minutes of meetings RMB Minutes NRAT Audit Reports
1.38	Work in partnership with communities and a wide range of partners locally and nationally in order to meet the requirements of the framework.	Partnership working locally & nationally. Partnerships Register <a href="#">Partnerships</a>	Prevention & Protection	Y	Partnership Governance Arrangements Partnership Policy & toolkit
2.3	Each fire and rescue authority integrated risk management plan must; be accessible and publicly available; reflect effect consultation throughout development; cover at least a three year time span and be reviewed and revised as often as necessary; reflect up to date risk analysis and evaluation.	IRMP Proposals/Action Plan <a href="#">IRMP</a>	Planning Performance & Communications	Y	Fire Authority Consultation Outcomes
2.4	Hold the CFO to account for the delivery of the fire and rescue service.	<a href="#">Statement of Assurance</a> <a href="#">Statement of Accounts</a>	Fire Authority	Y	Internal and External Audit Opinion
2.5	Have arrangements in place to ensure that decisions are open to scrutiny.	<a href="#">Authority Committee meeting structures;</a> <a href="#">agendas and minutes can be accessed via website</a>	Legal & Democratic Services	Improving	Public Survey

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2.8	Make communities aware of how they can access data and information on their performance.	<a href="#">Statement of Accounts</a> <a href="#">Statement of Assurance</a> <a href="#">Annual Report</a>	PP&C	Y	Internal/External Audit Opinion
3.2	Publish an annual statement of assurance.	<a href="#">Statement of Assurance</a>	Fire Authority	Y	Internal Audit Compliance & Assurance documentation
3.4	<p>Fire and rescue authorities must work collectively, with the Strategic Resilience Board, to provide assurance to Government that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ risks are assessed, plans are in place and any gaps between existing capability and that needed to ensure national resilience are identified.</li> <li>▪ Existing specialist national resilience capabilities are fit for purpose</li> <li>▪ Any new capabilities that fire and rescue authorities are commissioned to deliver by Government are procured, maintained and managed in the most cost effective way that delivers value for money whilst ensuring fit for purpose</li> </ul>	<p>Minutes of Cheshire Resilience Forum Minutes.</p> <p>NRAT Capability Audit</p>	OP&A	Improving	<p>ACO and HOD of OPA attend Cheshire Resilience Forum at Strategic Level</p> <p>NRAT Capability Audit Reports</p> <p>RMB Meeting Minutes</p>