

WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESENTATION

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» CURRENT DEMANDS ON RBFRS

- Financial Position
- Target savings update
- Strategic asset investment framework
- IRMP
- Built Environment Programme
- Prevention
- Response
- Protection

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Financial Position

(2022/2023 Budget - £38.446 million)



- Between 2010 and March 2016 we saved £4.96million from budget
- Between April 2016 – March 2022 we have delivered a further £2.401 million
- Savings target for 2022/23 is £177,000
- We are moving through a significant programme to refresh our capital assets



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2015-19 £2.4Million Target Savings Update

- Restructure of service support functions and move to local Hub delivery model. Target £1.1million savings (Delivered 2017)
- Disestablishment of the Retained Support Unit. Target £425k savings (Delivered 2018)
- Introduction of new remotely managed station model and the FDO review. Target Savings £550k (Delivered £550,00 Nov 2019)
- Closure of Wargrave Station. Target Savings £168k (Delivered £168,000 2020)
- Closure of Pangbourne and Opening of Theale. Target Savings £168k (Delivered £168,000 2021)

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Strategic Asset Investment Framework

- First new Tri-Service Community Station opened in Hungerford 2017
- Second Tri-Service Community Station opened Crowthorne Summer 2020
- Third Tri-Service Community Station opened Theale opened Autumn 2021
- 19 new generation Volvo fire appliances have been delivered since 2017 @ £250k each
- New 53 metre Aerial Ladder Platform became fully operational in August 2021 @ £800k
- Capital Investment up to 2025/26 financed within Medium Term Financial Plan



Strategic Investment Framework

STRATEGIC
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FRAMEWORK

2019 – 2034



- Planned Expenditure for 2022/23
- £1.25m investment in refurbishment of 6x Whole-time stations – programme of work to be completed in 2023
- Investment for 9 replacement white fleet (cars/vans) vehicles including 3x Hybrid, 3x Electric vehicles amounting to £246,000
- Investment in ICT of £891,000

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2019-23 Corporate Plan and IRMP

- Sets out what the Fire Authority is planning over the next 4 years
- Currently in a planning year for our new CRMP
- Public consultation following our Risk Analysis



» BUILT ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME

- Operations; Tactics and Equipment
- Operations: Call Management
- Risk Information
- HRRB Project



» PREVENTION PROPOSALS 2020-23

1. Ensure Equality of Access is at the heart of all Prevention activity
2. Introduce a risk-based programme of follow-up Safe and Well Visits for our most vulnerable residents
3. Enhance the quality and quantity of referrals received through our ARP
4. Within our Road Safety Programme include targeted activity for motorcyclists based on risk
5. Focus our activities in support of children and young people through our road water safety education programmes, Fire Cadets and Fire Safe



» RESPONSE PROPOSALS 2020-23

1. Undertake a review of our specialist water rescue capability to ensure it continues to be aligned to local risk and national best practice
2. In 2022/23, we propose to undertake a review of our incident support capability to ensure it continues to be aligned to local risk and reflects national best practice
3. Introduce 18 new members of operational staff through the Apprenticeship scheme
4. Introduce a multi-agency exercise schedule to enhance operational preparedness and alignment to National Operational Guidance



» PROTECTION PROPOSALS 2020-23

1. Develop our Risk-Based Inspection Programme methodology to look at both risk to property and risk of compliance
2. Continue to respond to changes in legislation and guidance related to building regulations and fire safety and ensure this is reflected in our policies, processes and ways of working
3. Actively promote the use of sprinklers and suppression systems as part of the overall fire safety solution to improve fire safety in both new and existing buildings.



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