

Defence Fire Risk Management Organisation

Purpose

For discussion and direction.

Summary

Tina Waggott will present on the work of the Defence Fire and Rescue Project.

Recommendation

Members are asked to note the presentation and discuss the potential implications and opportunities for fire and rescue authorities.

Action

Officers will take action as directed.

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Background

1. The Defence Fire Risk Management Organisation (DFRMO) is a stand-alone fire and rescue service that is specified as a fire authority under the Fire Services Act 2006. It is accountable to and funded by the Ministry of Defence (MoD). It provides operational fire and rescue services through a prevention, protection and response approach, operating at a variety of locations both in the UK, overseas and operational theatres. Fire and Rescue Services are provided at 50 airfields and 35 domestic stations and 3 training establishments with a combined Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) and structural vehicle fleet of 200 appliances. DFRMO has around 2,500 personnel.
2. DFRMO operates across 7 regions as well as overseas. It looks after 300,000 employees and strategic assets in 4600 sites and some 45,000 self-insured buildings worth over £100Bn. It does this by:
 - 2.1. Preventing fires through community engagement.
 - 2.2. Protecting assets through building design, fire protection systems and risk assessments.
 - 2.3. Responding to incidents through the provision of trained fire and rescue crews, vehicles and equipment plus a fire investigation process.
 - 2.4. Training MOD civilian and service personnel in fire awareness and managing basic fire safety.
 - 2.5. Investigating Causes of fires on the Defence Estate to identify trends or assist police.
3. DFRMO has and can provide support to civil authorities. In recent years it has been called on to respond to a number of forest fires, extreme weather events and other civil emergencies.
4. DFRMO has been and is subject to a range of modernisation and efficiency initiatives, including the examination of opportunities for greater private sector involvement. This work is being undertaken under the auspices of the Defence Fire and Rescue Project (DFRP) which was initiated by the MoD in 2010.
5. The work of the DFRP has progressed and an Initial Gate Business has been approved with the project in its assessment phase.

Presentation

6. Tina Waggott, Defence Fire and Rescue Project Team Leader, will present on the DFRP work and the modernisation of the Defence Fire Risk Management Organisation.

Next steps

7. Members are asked to note the presentation and discuss the potential implications and opportunities for Fire and Rescue Authorities.