

GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE FIRE AND CRIME PANEL

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Subject: Prevention & Protection Strategy 2026-2029
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Purpose of the report

This paper covers the attached Prevention and Protection Strategy 2026-2029.

Recommendations

Police Fire and Crime Panel is requested to note the Prevention and Protection Strategy 2025-2029 (the Strategy).

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1. Financial implications

Financial implications in response of delivering this strategy will be addressed individually, and in accordance with GMFRS financial governance protocols.

2. Other implications

Other implications in response of delivering against the commitments within this Strategy will be addresses individually and as requirements dictate.

3. Introduction and background

The Fire Plan 2025-2029 is the four-year strategy for GMFRS. It is built around four key pillars each with a series of commitments to our staff, communities, and partners, summarising our forward plans.

- **Pillar 1:** Prevent emergencies by protecting people and places
- **Pillar 2:** Deliver an outstanding emergency response
- **Pillar 3:** Look after our people and foster a culture of equality, inclusivity, and excellent leadership
- **Pillar 4:** Maximise public value through continuous improvement and sustainable use of resources

The Prevention and Protection Strategy also covers the period from 2025 to 2029 and primarily supports the delivery of Pillar1 within the Fire Plan: '*Prevent emergencies by protecting people and places*'.

The expected outcome for this strategy is defined in the fire plan as to; '*Reduce deaths, injuries and damage caused by fire and other threats, and help build stronger communities*'.

The Strategy has been developed with full consultation of staff within the Prevention and Protection Directorate. Following some initial workshops and management sessions to determine legal and statutory requirements, key themes and future needs, further engagement and consultation work has been undertaken at a full directorate planning day. This approach aimed to ensure that our staff voice was heard, and ideas, initiatives and innovative ideas are encouraged and included.

4. Our Prevention and Protection Strategy

Prevention and Protection is fundamental to our mission of 'Protecting Communities, Working Together, Saving Lives'.

Under the last Fire Plan there were separate strategies for Prevention and Protection. Over the period of the last fire plan we have worked to better integrate work across the Prevention and Protection directorate. In order to continue this work for the period of this Fire Plan a joint strategy has been developed.

This strategy offers GMFRS commitments to providing businesses and communities the best effective and efficient response in mitigating emergencies, reducing deaths and injuries, and limiting damage to property, the economy, and the environment, through proactive prevention and protection activity.

The strategy outlines how we will deliver our Prevention and Protection service functions to the communities of Greater Manchester through a series of commitments which aim to not just deliver our services to a high standard, but to future-proof our approach and 'do things differently'.

The Prevention and Protection Strategy 2026-2029 is attached to this report as an Appendix.

End of Report.