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Ref: how we assess and manage risk in our communities - consultation

I write to seek your opinion on the draft five-year strategic plan for Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service (our [draft Community Risk Management Plan](#)).

You may be aware that we undertake a strategic review of the risks that we might face in the future and consider what actions we need to put in place to mitigate or reduce these risks to our communities.

Earlier in the year, we undertook an engagement exercise where we heard from almost 1,700 people as to the risks that they feel we ought to consider and also invited their views as to the role of the fire and rescue service and our focus moving forward. We have incorporated the feedback into this draft plan.

We plan to continue to put people at the centre of our protection, prevention and response work, tailoring services for those most at risk and increasing our community engagement over the coming years. In developing this plan we have also considered future risks that could affect our services, our communities and our staff in the future.

We would now like to seek your views on our Community Risk Management Plan, formerly known as an Integrated Risk Management Plan, which will run from April 2022 until 2027.

Feedback is invited [via an online survey](#) which will remain open until Friday 14 January 2022 but if you or colleagues would prefer to respond in another format, please get in touch with my office who will be able to accommodate.

I would be most grateful if you could arrange for this to be completed, please. We want to hear from a range of people across Devon and Somerset to make sure we're aligning our future plans with the risks in the communities we serve so please also feel free to share across your networks.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in helping us continue to provide a fire and rescue service which is focused on preventing incidents from happening but also one able to respond effectively to emergencies when required.

Yours sincerely

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