

To the Lord Mayor and
Members of Dublin City Council

Report No. 34/2023
Report of the Inter-Local Authority
Special Committee on Fire & Ambulance
Services and Emergency Management



**With reference to the proposal to hold a statutory public consultation on the proposed
Draft Dublin Fire Brigade's Fire and Emergency Operations Plan as outlined in
Section 26 of the Fire Services Acts, 1981 & 2003**

The following report in relation to the Draft Dublin Fire Brigade's Fire and Emergency Operations Plan as outlined in Section 26 of the Fire Services Acts, 1981 & 2003 was considered by the Inter-Local Authority Special Committee on Fire & Ambulance Services and Emergency Management at its meeting of 2nd November, 2022:

Introduction:

Dublin Fire Brigade is preparing an updated Fire and Operations Plan to fulfil the City & County Councils Statutory obligation as a Fire Authority as outlined in Section 26 of the Fire Services Act, 1981 and 2003. This is a reserved function of the Councils and comprises the local authority areas of Dublin City Council, Fingal, South Dublin and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Councils (the Dublin Region).

Although the legislation only requires this plan to deal with arrangements made with regard to Fire and Emergency operations, this plan will also take into consideration the substantial volume of Fire Safety and Fire Prevention work carried out by the Brigade along with the contribution the Brigade makes to Major Emergency Management. The Plan will provide a comprehensive, balanced strategy to ensure the safety of the public in their homes and other locations, as well as fire fighter safety in providing emergency services. The Plan will be about managing risk, addressing public safety improvement, incident reduction, response standards and service delivery structures. It depicts the required organisation structure, personnel, equipment, fire stations, water supplies, training, procedures, all resources and other related matters.

The plan will detail current arrangements within the fire authority and will also set out strategic plans and targets for the fire authority for the next 5 years. The plan will be informed by national guidance and policies and statutory legislation.

Staff, the public and Local Authority Management will have an opportunity to see the planned strategic direction of their Fire Service and an opportunity to engage in its future planning. DFB management are committed to a fully inclusive consultation process that allows for all stakeholders influencing the shape and direction of their service into the future.

A copy of the Draft Dublin Fire Brigades Fire and Emergency Operations Plan is attached.

Resolution:

That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 34/2023 and hereby approves the initiation of a public consultation process on the Draft Dublin Fire Brigade Fire and Emergency Operations Plan.

Councillor Alison Gilliland
Chairperson,
January 2023