



**GREATER  
MANCHESTER**  
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE



# Fire Plan 2025-29





# Background

- The Plan is Greater Manchester's overarching four-year strategy for fire and rescue.
- It will identify the priorities for GMFRS and make a series of commitments to our communities, staff, and partners.
- The Plan is being produced by Mayor Andy Burnham; Deputy Mayor Kate Green; and Chief Fire Officer Dave Russel – with input from stakeholders and residents.
- Together with our Annual Delivery Plans, the Fire Plan forms our Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP).
- The final version of the Plan is expected to be published in May 2025.

# Current Fire Plan

## Priorities for Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service

1. Provide a fast, safe and effective response
2. Help people reduce the risks of fires and other emergencies
3. Help protect the built environment
4. Use resources sustainably and deliver the most value
5. Develop a culture of excellence, equality and inclusivity
6. Integrate our services in every locality with those of partner agencies

Under our six strategic priorities, there are 47 commitments.

How we deliver our commitments is set out in each of our four Annual Delivery Plans.

# Engagement Approach

- As a whole group (GMCA, GMFRS, TfGM) we are looking to improve our approach to participation – creating a more systematic, insight-led approach to engaging with our residents.
- This Fire Plan has been developed over the last six months by working with key stakeholders to identify and develop the priorities and commitments for the next four years.
- Our engagement activities have focused on the future of GMFRS and how people view a modern, flexible and resilient FRS, looking specifically at:
  - **What people think of GMFRS now**
  - **What people want from GMFRS in the future**
  - **How can we make it happen**
- This feedback has fed into the development of the draft plan we are now consulting on.

# Early Engagement

Early engagement activities undertaken include:

- Workshops with senior GMFRS leaders to develop themes.
- Internal GMFRS directorate workshops.
- Internal GMFRS network meetings.
- Internal online suggestion boards.
- Meeting with Greater Manchester Equalities Alliance.
- Polls / surveys to over 3,800 residents to understand their priorities for GMFRS.
- Eight resident focus groups to obtain more detail on their priorities.
- Engagement with Community Safety Partnerships.

# Draft Strategic Priorities

Our draft strategic priorities are:

1. **Help make our communities safer and more resilient** – preventing emergencies; supporting communities with wider risks; keeping our built environment safe; and delivering youth engagement.
2. **Deliver a first-class emergency response** – working to continually enhance our response to emergencies.
3. **Ensure Service excellence, inclusivity, and sustainability** – working to continue to improve Service culture; driving excellence; and ensuring environmental and financial sustainability.

Within each of these priorities are a total of 35 commitments to our public, partners and people.

# Draft Commitments

## Examples of the some of the commitments sitting below the priorities are:

- Engage effectively with all communities and our partners, working together to solve problems and deliver joint responses to local risks.
- Support the delivery of 'Live Well' to help improve the health and well-being of our communities and create better opportunities for everyone.
- Adapt our home fire safety assessments to support the delivery of new property checks as part of the work of the city-region's Housing First Unit.
- Work with the Safer Roads GM Partnership to deliver 'Vision Zero', our shared vision for zero deaths and serious injuries on our roads and across the Bee Network.
- Work to ensure we are resilient and prepared to respond to the increasing threat of incidents caused by the climate emergency.
- Explore opportunities to provide a wider response to medical emergencies.



# Online Consultation

- The online consultation on the draft Fire Plan is now live and people can have their say via a short online survey here:

## [Fire Plan 2025-29 Online Consultation Survey](#)

- The consultation is open to GM residents, internal staff, partners, and any other interested stakeholders.
- The current version of the Fire Plan is a draft for consultation purposes. Changes are expected in response to the consultation feedback.
- The final version of the Fire Plan 2025-29 will include extended narrative, case studies, KPIs etc.



# Your Feedback

- The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Chief Fire Officer are very keen to hear your views on the proposed priorities and commitments in our Plan.
- Please take the time to read the [draft Fire Plan](#) and provide feedback via the online survey.
- Please share the link to the online survey with your networks and interested stakeholders.
- The online consultation is scheduled to close on **Monday 10th March 2025**.
- If you need assistance to complete the consultation, please email [engagement@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk](mailto:engagement@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk)



# Questions