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ROYAL BERKSHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT



COMMITTEE	AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
DATE OF MEETING	26 JANUARY 2026
SUBJECT	QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT 2025-26 QUARTER 2 (OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2025)
LEAD OFFICER	FRANK LONG, GROUP MANAGER INTELLIGENCE RISK AND PERFORMANCE MANAGER
LEAD MEMBER	N/A
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ACTION	TO NOTE

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To provide Audit & Governance Committee with an overview of the Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service (RBFRS) second quarter (October - December 2025) performance for the 2025-26 financial year.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Audit & Governance Committee

- 2.1 **NOTE** the performance against Service Provision and Corporate Health measures for the targets agreed by the Fire Authority for 2025-26.
- 2.2 **NOTE** the progress made on the priority programmes.
- 2.3 **NOTE** the position of corporate risk.
- 2.4 **DISCUSS** and **AGREE** any further actions, if appropriate.

3. REPORT

- 3.1 The quarterly performance report supports the Performance Management Framework which provides structure and governance that will enable RBFRS to measure, monitor and manage outputs and outcomes in a timely manner,

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allowing the organisation to respond and make informed decisions to ensure that statutory obligations and the Fire Authority's Strategic Commitments are successfully delivered.

- 3.2 Following data capture, review and analysis, evidence is reviewed by the Strategic Performance Board (SPB) whose purpose is to lead, support and monitor the effective delivery of the Strategic Objectives by monitoring and reviewing performance across the four Quadrants.
- 3.3 Informed by these processes, key data and highlights have been extracted and reviewed by the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and are presented in this report for scrutiny at the Audit and Governance committee.
- 3.4 The attached report provides an overview of performance for the second quarter (October - December 2025) performance for the 2025-26 financial year. It reports performance in four key areas:
- 3.5 Quadrant one - Service Provision - This section presents data and information which will allow members to monitor how RBFRS are doing at delivering its statutory obligations and any internal services provided between teams, departments and functions.
- 3.6 Quadrant two - Corporate Health - This section brings together all data, information and measures from across the organisation, which will allow members to monitor how RBFRS are managing key resources, e.g. People and Finance.
- 3.7 Quadrant three - Priority Programmes (CRMP, RBFRS Development Programme and the Strategic Asset Investment Framework) - This section will allow members to monitor progress of work designed to deliver a defined outcome which is different to or improves on current working practices, policies and procedures in support of delivering against the strategic commitments and Corporate Plan 2023-27.
- 3.8 Quadrant four - Assurance - This section provides an assessment of corporate risks that may impact on service delivery. This section will also include data and information from audit monitoring and an update on the HMICFRS Action Plan.

4. **CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC COMMITMENTS**

- 4.1 Prevention: We will reduce the risk to our communities through our partnership duties and prevention education activities, ensuring that our services are accessible to all.
- 4.2 Protection: We will support those with responsibility for premises to understand their duties in ensuring the safety of all people using buildings covered by the Building Safety Act 2022 and Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, whilst ensuring that our services are accessible to all.

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- 4.3 Response: We will ensure that our people are trained and resources are located to provide the most effective response and to have a positive impact on incidents in our communities.
- 4.4 Resilience: We will ensure we are resilient and work with our partners to promote and build resilience in the communities we serve.
- 4.5 Sustainability: We are committed to ensuring that we provide a financially sustainable Service and take meaningful action to help address the climate emergency.
- 4.6 People: We will support our staff by providing a safe and inclusive environment for them to thrive in, building a diverse organisation that is engaged with, and accessible to, our communities.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report provides RBFA financial information under the corporate health quadrant.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report Insert Text

7. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 This report provides RBFRS equality and diversity information under the corporate health quadrant.

8. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 This report provides RBFRS corporate risk information under the assurance quadrant.

9. SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 None for the purpose of this report

10. CONSISTENCY WITH DUTY TO COLLABORATE

- 10.1 This report provides information on RBFRS performance measures and targets, as such there are no identified areas for collaboration.

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11. PRINCIPAL CONSULTATION

11.1 The Chief Fire Officer, Chief Finance Officer, Senior Leadership Team were consulted in the compilation of this report.

12. BACKGROUND PAPERS

12.1 Annual Plan 2025-26.Link: <Fire-Authority-Annual-Plan-2025-26-FINAL.pdf>

13. APPENDICES

13.1 Included with main report.

14. CONTACT DETAILS

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