

**A message from the Chief Fire Officer of West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service, Sabrina Cohen-Hatton:**

West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service has launched a public consultation around our proposals for our Community Risk Management Plan 2022 – 2026.

This document sets out the direction of the service over the next four years, and as part of this we have six proposals that we are seeking feedback on.

I would like to invite you to view these proposals and take part in our public consultation.

You can find these proposals, along with the survey to take part, on our dedicated Community Risk Management Plan website [here](#).

The proposals include:

- Enhancing our retained (on-call) operating model
- Weekend protection, prevention and response improvements
- Improving protection, prevention and response performance in rural areas
- How WSFRS should deal with false alarms from automatic fire systems
- When we should review our Emergency Response Standards
- How WSFRS proposes to undertake a review of our specialist appliance requirements to consider current and future risks to firefighter and public safety

This is a key opportunity for our communities and all partners to have their say on our proposals, and we will assess all of the responses and use to inform our final CRMP which we intend to publish in spring 2022.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to visit the consultation homepage and take part in our consultation.

The closing date for responses is Friday 21 January 2022.

You can find more information on the six proposals and take part in the consultation [here](#).

Warmest regards,

Sabrina Cohen-Hatton  
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