

**COMMUNITIES SELECT COMMITTEE**

**Item under consideration: PROPOSED DIRECTION OF TRAVEL FOR THE SURREY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE, IN LINE WITH THE PROPOSED MTFP 2014-19**

**Date Considered: THURSDAY 20 MARCH 2014**

- 1 Further to discussions at a Communities Select Committee budget workshop on 20 February 2014 and a further Fire Service workshop on Monday 17 March 2014, the Communities Select Committee discussed the draft Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) and direction of travel for the Surrey Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) at its meeting on Thursday 20 March.
- 2 During these discussions, SFRS have presented on the case for change within SFRS in the context of changes in demand and demographics, environmental changes, different ways of working and budget pressures. This is not an exclusive list.
- 3 On the basis of these discussions, the Committee voted 8 to 2 in favour of the below recommendation, which the Committee asks the Cabinet to consider alongside the MTFP 2014-19 which is being presented to Cabinet for approval on Tuesday 25 March 2014.

**Recommendation:**

The Communities Select Committee recommends:

- a) That the proposed direction of travel for the Surrey Fire and Rescue Service, in line with the proposed MTFP 2014-19, be supported.

The Member Reference Group being formed to act as a sounding board for the revision of the Surrey Fire and Rescue Services Public Safety Plan (which will detail the changes required for the service), will closely scrutinise the development of this plan and report back to the Communities Select Committee as required.

- b) That the Surrey Fire and Rescue Service, supported by its County Council colleagues, ensure that robust plans are in place for consultation with stakeholders and residents on the revision of the Public Safety Plan.

**DENISE SALIAGOPOULOS**  
**Chairman of the Communities Select Committee**

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