Cabinet, 29 September 2020



Petition to: Reverse cuts to Surrey Fire and Rescue Service

The Petition

"We the undersigned petition Surrey County Council to Reverse cuts to Surrey Fire and Rescue Service"

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Further details from Petitioner:

Fire SOS - Save Our Stations

For five consecutive days in August, Surrey Firefighters had to battle heat, dehydration and exhaustion to bring wildfires on our heathland and commons under control. You might think our firefighters have everything they need. They don't.

Since 2010, the Conservatives at Surrey County Council have cut 31% of our firefighters and control staff. This year alone, a further four fire engines have been removed and certain stations, including Chobham, the nearest to the Common, will be no longer permanently crewed. It will only be able to respond at night and weekends. A further three fire engines are scheduled to be cut in October.

In the face of cuts, our Fire Service is under further threat. It is time we repaid their commitment and unite against SCC's continuing cuts.

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