

Retired Members of LFRS Open Letter

Summary Document

Concerns and Suggested Alternative Measures for 2016-2020 IRMP

Concern that public opinion is not seriously taken into consideration following consultation.

Concern that the consultation period is too short and fails to comply with Government guidance,

Concern that the consultation is insufficiently well targeted and fails to reach those people the exercise is intended to reach.

Concerns that the consultation does not allow for appropriate comment on each of the proposals and is very limiting in the single comment box that is provided.

Concern that the consultation process is not in accordance with the Gunning Principles

Concerns that CFA decision making resides with a small executive; that there is no scrutiny of decisions and that elected members may have insufficient training for them to form opinion on issues raised in IRMP proposals.

The CFA and the Chief Fire Officer should explore the idea of a council tax increase in support of LFRS.

Fire and rescue Service HQ should be sold in order to reduce the debt burden on LFRS.

That fire cover should be maintained in the City centre, head quarters staff to be relocated to Central station and other locations if required.

Fire appliances coming to the end of their lease period should be purchased by the Service (a comparatively minimal cost compared to that of a new vehicle) and be retained in service for a further 5 years.

TRV's are not a suitable front line appliance and suggest that the two pumps ear-marked for removal in the 2015-2020 IRMP be redeployed in place of TRV's.

Consideration to be given to establishing day duty staff at retained stations and use them to bolster retained availability.

LFRS to enter into discussion with representative bodies in order to explore the future of day crewing plus and its funding.

We suggest that LFRS explore opportunities for transitional funding in support of greater collaborative working with EMAS and other health agencies.

Considerable financial savings can be made by curtailment of wasteful expenditure on things such as LFRS cars, uniform and uniform embellishments which appear to be subject to frequent and unnecessary change.