

Decision Record – Response to Department for Communities and Local Government consultation on 'Enabling Closer Working between the Emergency Services'

Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision	Cllr John Horner Community Safety
Date of Decision	23 Oct 2015

Decision Taken

That the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety approves the draft response to the consultation paper "Enabling Closer Working between the Emergency Services".

Reasons for Decisions

The approval of the Portfolio Holder to the consultation was required.

Background Information

1. On 11 September 2015, HM Government launched a consultation paper on "Enabling closer working between the Emergency Services".
2. The consultation closing date was 23 October, and, in light of the tight timescale, a response has been made by the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety on behalf of Warwickshire County Council as the Fire Authority for the area.
3. In developing this response, meetings were held with the Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), Ron Ball, as well as with the WCC Cross Party Fire Working Group. In summary, an early consensus emerged that neither the PCC nor WCC had a desire to fundamentally alter the present governance arrangements for the Fire and Rescue Service and the response has been prepared accordingly.
4. The PCC submitted his own separate response although he was aware of, and supports, the draft response by the Portfolio Holder.

Financial Implications

None

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Urgent matter?	No
Confidential or Exempt?	No
Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?	No

List of Reports considered

<https://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/cm5/CalendarofMeetings/tabid/128/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/645/Meeting/3324/Committee/549/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx>

List of Background Papers

None

Members and officers consulted or informed

Portfolio Holders – Councillor John Horner
 All Strategic Directors
 Legal – Jane Pollard
 Finance – Liz Firmstone
 Equality – Pat Barton
 Democratic Services – Paul Williams

Resources and Fire and Rescue OSC – party spokes:

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