

NOTICE OF MOTION. DEVON FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE UPDATED BRIEFING PAPER

Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service's consultation on a number of options for change <http://www.dsfire.gov.uk/SaferTogether/Index.cfm?siteCategoryId=18> to the fire and rescue service closed on 22 September 2019.

The responses and feedback were collated by DSFRS and a Report submitted to the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority (the Fire Authority) as part of the public agenda for its meeting on 10 January 2020 where the final decisions were made. The full Report can be found here; <https://fireauthority.dsfire.gov.uk/documents/g616/Public%20reports%20pack%2010th-Jan-2020%2010.00%20Devon%20Somerset%20Fire%20Rescue%20Authority.pdf?T=10>

Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority approved the following recommendations on changes to how the Service operates which the Service will now start to implement.

- (a) Defer the decision to implement day crewing at Barnstaple, Exmouth and Paignton subject to a revised 24/7 crewing model being agreed with the Fire Brigades Union, including roving appliances, before the end of the 19/20 financial year.
- (b) Close Budleigh Salterton fire station and allow affected firefighters to respond from Exmouth fire station.
- (c) Relocate Topsham fire station to Service Headquarters (Clyst St George) and relocate one of the fire engines to Middlemoor fire station (both fire engines to be relocated to Service Headquarters until an on-call crew can be established at Middlemoor).
- (d) The third fire engines from Bridgwater, Taunton, Torquay and Yeovil to be replaced with alternative vehicles.
- (e) Remove the second fire engines from Crediton, Lynton, Martock and Totnes.
- (f) Introduce variable fire engine availability dependent on risk.

The Fire Authority further asked that existing performance measures be reviewed, and that any necessary additional measures are developed, to monitor against expected improvements. For example on-call fire engine availability, emergency response standards and levels of prevention and protection activity.

During the consultation, the Service held 27 drop-in sessions – attended by nearly 2,000 people. In total, 3,818 responses were received: 3,232 completed questionnaires, 205 written submissions and 381 email responses. In addition, five petitions were submitted with a total of 43,644 signatures.