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Via Email

CFO Chris Lowther
Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue Service



Dear Chris

On behalf of Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service I would like to thank you for the opportunity to review and comment upon your proposals for your IRMP 2021-24.

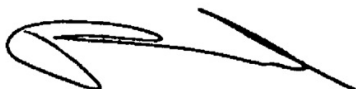
In developing your proposals, you have set out your use of risk modelling and data that gives confidence in your comprehensive understanding of the risks that you face in Tyne and Wear. The development of these proposals in partnership with the Fire Authority, and the way they have been set out in the consultation, including the use of pilots, reassures the public that if the proposals go ahead they will be delivered successfully.

This combined with your willingness to review and in some cases change or even halt previous proposals is to be commended.

Your proposals, including the introduction of new crewing models, the introduction of a new appliance and primary crewing of your ALPs will all contribute towards your vision of creating the safest community in Tyne and Wear.

Your approach to consultation is well thought out. Members of the public have the greatest possible opportunity to comment on your proposals, and the fact that you are consulting on the proposals only, rather than a much larger document allows for focussed responses that will help in the development of the final IRMP. Your use of demographic questions in the consultation response reflects the need to more accurately capture information on sexuality and gender and is something we can learn from in our own consultations.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Beard', with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Beard
Chief Fire Officer

