

Community Area Board – Update for Partners

Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service

The Need for Change

The risks that Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service face are changing, from a reduction in our budget, through the increased housing within Wiltshire to the type of incidents that we respond to on a daily basis.

Our goal is to meet these challenges and provide an improved service to you in the most effective and efficient way possible.

Areas of Change

To achieve this goal, we have reviewed how we provide the service today and how we should be providing that service to you in the future. We have five proposals that will expand our ability to respond to incidents, enhance the knowledge and skills of our staff and reduces the overall cost of the Service to you, the taxpayer.

This briefing note sets out the proposals but we also need your help.

This is your service and we would like your opinion on what we plan to do.

Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service Proposals

We are proposing the following options to help deliver an excellent service:

1. To alter the way we employ firefighters on the Retained Duty System (on-call staff) to guarantee availability.
2. To alter the way we crew stations to relocate staff throughout the county to create communities of stations to manage increased risk presented by future developments.
3. To alter the shift times of operational staff to occur outside of incident peak hours.
4. To alter duty systems to provide enhanced cover (for example: Westlea will have an immediate response at night).
5. To strategically relocate specialist vehicles to mitigate anticipated demand from planned major developments across Wiltshire, and from anticipated future developments.

We would welcome your opinion on these changes and this can be done a number of ways. You can register as a stakeholder and receive a survey to complete, you can view the consultation document and comment using the supplied e-mail address or you can view the proposals and complete the attached survey.

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