

Hi Jackie,

Can you please accept this email as a response from Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service, in relation to Merseyside FRS's current IRMP consultation? If you could just let me know that you've received this email and that it will be considered in your consultation feedback, that would be appreciated.

Resilience:

Having considered your Consultation Document and we have no issues with the proposals as there is nothing in your IRMP that appears to affect GMFRS' response activities at present. However, as matters progress, if there are any changes affecting Section 13 agreements with us then we would appreciate if you could please notify us.

Flooding:

We would support any moves towards making flood response a statutory duty as part of a coordinated approach which is sustainably funded at a local level. We have recently enhanced our flood response capabilities and provided frontline operational firefighters with additional Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to improve firefighter safety. Through the provision of enhanced training and water rescue equipment we plan to improve the options to intervene at water rescue incidents, prior to the arrival of the specialist Water Incident Units.

Response:

Whilst we have concerns around the slower response times to incidents anticipated, we recognise that this is unavoidable due to the scale of cuts to the budget.

Thank you,

Rachel

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