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Dear Jackie

RE: MERSEYSIDE FRS IRMP 2021-24 - CONSULTATION

I am writing in response to the consultation on your IRMP 2021-24. Our response considers the proposals set out in your consultation document and assesses how they may impact our own current and future service delivery plans.

Firstly, we would like to say we found the document itself is really clear, accessible, and easy to understand. It avoids jargon and clearly sets out your ambitions for the future.

We are supportive of the operational response proposals set out and it is really positive to see that the changes you are proposing will assist in dealing more effectively with risks in these areas, whilst slightly improving performance.

All fire and rescue services are in a difficult financial situation, with services looking at the best way to continue to provide effective fire cover through a variety of ways. So, we understand and support your proposed changes to increase resilience through the introduction of a new duty system and increasing your current retained capabilities.

We support your plans to invest in improved training facilities. We recognise the importance of this and over the next 12 months we plan to complete our training centre at Bury, building further on our own facilities. It would be good to explore the scope for developing collaborative training programmes across the two sites to share good practice, different facilities and joined-up responding.



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We are also intending to purchase a stinger/scorpion vehicle, which could provide an opportunity for us to collaborate on knowledge and training.

There appears to be nothing in your IRMP that affects 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.

Yours sincerely,

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Dawn Docx
Deputy Chief Fire Officer