

Chief Fire Officer Dan Stephens,
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16th December 2014

Dear Dan

I am writing in response to the consultation on your Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) Supplement 2015 – 2017. I am in support of the proposals set out in the IRMP and fully understand the challenge you are presented with in respect of budget cuts.

It is reassuring to see that regardless of cuts, overall fire incidents in Merseyside have reduced by 54% over the 10 year period between 2004/5 and 2013/14. This reduction is testament to the excellent and dedicated work of the Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service (MF&RS) and its personnel.

As Police and Crime Commissioner, I share your frustrations in having to review risk management against a background of budget cuts. This is not an easy task for any emergency service. Merseyside Police have also been forced to review every aspect of their estate, workforce and activities to minimise the impact of these cuts on the levels of service they provide to the public.

One way in which we can lessen the impact is to work in partnership. I am keen to work together to solve shared local risks and challenges

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where possible. The Joint Command and Control Centre between MF&RS and Merseyside Police is an excellent example of this. The Merseyside Community Safety Partnership, which the Deputy Chief Fire Officer Phil Garrigan attends, is also a good opportunity to discuss any upcoming issues.

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to respond to your consultation. I look forward to building on our already strong partnership in the future. If there are any opportunities you would like to consider or discuss relating to further future collaboration, be it for estate or other purposes, let me know.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jane', with a large loop at the start of the first letter.

Jane Kennedy
Police Commissioner for Merseyside

Cc: Cllr Dave Hanratty, Chair of the Fire Authority

Sir Jon Murphy QPM, Chief Constable Merseyside Police