

**MAYORAL & NON-MAYORAL DECISION NOTICE**  
**(RECORDING OF DECISIONS MADE BY INDIVIDUALS)**

**1. Decision Summary:**

<b>Decision Maker</b> GM Mayor	<b>Date of Decision</b>
<b>Date Decision Published</b>	<b>Date Decision will come into force</b>
<b>Subject: GMFRS Fire Cover Review</b>	

<b>Type of Decision:</b>  Mayoral Decision
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**2. Details of the Decision:**

<b>The decision is that:</b>
<p>GMFRS will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Introduce one additional wholetime fire appliance at Manchester Central fire station.</li> <li>✓ Implement Enhanced Rescue Station proposals at Leigh and Ashton fire stations.</li> <li>✓ Implement all Special Appliance proposals.</li> <li>✓ Invest £340K in Prevention and Protection.</li> </ul> <p>GMFRS will not:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Implement Day Crewing Arrangements at Sale fire station.</li> <li>✗ Implement Day Crewing Arrangements at Offerton fire station.</li> <li>✗ Introduce an additional wholetime fire appliance at Moss Side fire station.</li> </ul>

## The reasons for the decision are:

- ✓ Introduce one wholetime appliance at Manchester Central fire station:

An additional wholetime fire appliance back in the city centre will provide the benefit of enhanced fire cover in an increasingly evolving landscape. This fire appliance will also be available to gather risk information on the built environment in order to enhance firefighter safety and reduce the risk of harm to the residents of GM.

- ✓ Implement Enhanced Rescue Station proposals at Leigh and Ashton fire stations:

This will improve the availability of our Enhanced Rescue capability at the same time as reducing the overall establishment at the two stations. This will afford a saving of C. 1 million pounds per annum.

- ✓ Implement all Special Appliance proposals:

All of the special appliance recommendations have been carefully considered as part of the capital replacement programme and the investment in new vehicles and the redistribution of some special appliances will afford greater efficiencies in response times and availability of the appliances.

There will be an additionality in the capital replacement budget of C. £390K.

- ✓ Invest £340K in Prevention and Protection:

Taking the steps outlined above will bring overall savings of £340K which would allow GMFRS to increase funding in the areas of Prevention and Protection, further building our resilience, capacity and capabilities.

- ✗ Implement Day Crewing Arrangements at Sale and Offerton fire stations:

The overwhelming view from both the public and staff has been to strongly reject the proposals, based upon not wishing to see what has been described as a 'down grading of fire cover' leading to an increase in response times at night-time.

In addition, the fire cover review has brought into sharp focus the challenges in respect of Sale West area. We intend to commission a feasibility study to explore relocating Sale Fire Station. The study aims to provide better strategic fire cover across Sale, including the Partington area.

- ✗ Introduce an additional wholetime fire appliance at Moss Side fire station:

By not implementing day crewing arrangements for Sale and Offerton fire stations, there are insufficient funds in the current budget to allow the introduction of an additional wholetime fire appliance at Moss Side fire station.

<b>Alternative options considered and rejected when making the decision:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✘ Implement Day Crewing Arrangements at Sale fire station</li> <li>✘ Implement Day Crewing Arrangements at Offerton fire station</li> <li>✘ Introduce an additional wholetime fire appliance at Moss Side fire station</li> </ul>
<b>List Non-confidential reports</b> Reports to be considered that can be made available to the public
<b>List Confidential reports</b> Reports to be considered which contain confidential or exempt information

**3. Conflict of Interest:**

<b>Record of any conflict of interest declared by any Member who is consulted by the member or officer which related to the decision:</b>
N/A
<b>Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any conflict of interest declared:</b>
N/A

**4. Signature of Decision Maker/s:**

Signed: .....

Date: .....

**NOTE:**

Decisions made by the Mayor will also be reported to the GMCA at its next meeting (except where the decision concerned was taken openly by the Mayor while sitting within a formal meeting of the GMCA).