

Lancashire Combined Fire Authority

Planning Committee

Meeting to be held on Monday 13 July 2026

Consultation relating to pilot duty system change at Fleetwood Station

(Appendices 1 and 2 refer)

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Executive Summary

This report is to make the planning committee aware of a decision made by the Chief Fire Officer (CFO) and Chairs under the urgent business procedure to run a public consultation from 1st to 30th June 2026 in relation to a pilot duty system change at Fleetwood station.

Recommendation(s)

To note the report.

Information

At the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority (CFA) Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Monday 15 June 2026, a paper was brought in relation to piloting a change to the crewing system at Fleetwood fire station from the current wholetime 2-2-4 duty system to a Flexible Day Crewing (FDC) system (resolution 13-26/27 and appendix 1 refers).

The CFA approved the request that the Chair of the Authority and the Chief Fire Officer take a final decision on the implementation of the Fleetwood Flexible Day Crewing pilot, taking account of consultation outcomes and further analysis.

It was noted in that paper that a public consultation on this proposed change had started on 1 June and was running until 30 June. Decisions on whether or not to run public consultations ordinarily sit within the remit of the Planning Committee. However, as this pilot, if it is to be effective, needs to be implemented as soon as possible, waiting until the date of this Planning committee meeting to seek authorisation for the public consultation was not feasible. As such, the urgent business procedure was used to seek approval for the public consultation (appendix 2 refers). The Chair and vice-Chair of the full Authority, and the Chair of the Planning committee were all consulted by the CFO and all consented to the running of the public consultation. In accordance with the urgent business procedure, this report on the use and outcome of that procedure is being brought to the next committee meeting for information.

At the time of writing, the consultation is still live and so no update can be included in this report.

Business risk

None. This report follows established procedures.

Sustainability or Environmental Impact

None.

Equality and Diversity Implications

None.

Data Protection (GDPR)

Will the proposal(s) involve the processing of personal data? N

If the answer is yes, please contact a member of the Democratic Services Team to assist with the appropriate exemption clause for confidential consideration under part 2 of the agenda.

HR implications

None.

Financial implications

None.

Legal implications

None.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**List of background papers**

Paper: Combined Fire Authority – Pilot flexible day crewing at Fleetwood Fire Station

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