



Executive Council member Les Skarratts
Brigade Secretary Kev Wilkie
Brigade Chair Tom Cogley

Region 5 North West
Fire Brigades Union
Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service
West Way
Euxton
Chorley
PR7 6DH

Mark Nolan
Clerk to the Authority
Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service
Garstang Road Fulwood
Preston
PR2 3LF

30th January 2020

Mr. Nolan

LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY BUDGET CONSULTATION

The Fire Brigades Union in Lancashire recognise that Lancashire Combined Fire Authority is in a better position than most to deal with the continued underfunding of the Fire & Rescue Service by central government. The operational front line has been cut vastly since 2010 so, with swathes of our members now working an 84-hour week. It is hoped that no more Grey Book posts will be lost to efficiency savings due to this governments underfunding.

Capital Budget – Points to note

The Fire Brigades Union support the small drawdown from reserves to allow for a balanced budget and maintained establishment and response model.

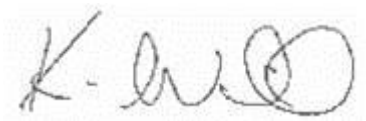
This is our preferred model and we would oppose a drive for efficiency savings which targeted our members jobs or that which impacted on the response model.

It's only an interim review and only based on known government spending this year.

We would add in that the Fire Brigade Union support the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority and will lobby for a clear longer term sustainable and appropriate funding settlement that delivers some much needed certainty.

Yours sincerely,





Kevin Wilkie
Fire Brigades Union
Lancashire Brigade Secretary

