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BY EMAIL

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Dear Cllr Carter

Further to the question that you were going to ask at the full council meeting but were unfortunately unable to attend. Please find below a written response.

“Will the spokesperson guarantee that no further cuts to on call fire pumps will take place after the Fire Authority’s close proximity crewing was found to be illegal?”

South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue recognise that a responsible and transparent course of action must be adopted in order to generate the £1.4m savings per annum that the use of CPC has delivered; this must also be in the context of providing the best possible service to the people of South Yorkshire within the budget that is available.

The Chief Fire Officer and his senior leadership team has therefore recommended a number of options for the South Yorkshire Fire Authority to consider as a response to the recent legal judgement. After consideration, the Fire Authority duly directed the Chief Fire Officer to prepare a revised Integrated Management Plan. The planning process requires that a service periodically reviews resource disposition in light of

the changing environment in which it functions, and the production of an IRMP is regulated via the Home Office Fire and Rescue National Framework 2018. Once the Fire Authority has approved the new draft IRMP, the Service will engage in wide ranging public consultation, including with the local Authorities, on the proposals and the impact that they are likely to have across the whole of South Yorkshire.

I'm afraid, as members will understand, as less and less funding is available, no other guarantee can be provided at this time.

I hope the above information adequately addresses your question.

Yours sincerely

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Councillor Alan Atkin

Designated Spokesperson on South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service