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FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY APPROVE CHANGES TO DUTY SYSTEMS AT MATLOCK AND GLOSSOP FIRE STATIONS

At today's meeting of Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Authority (FRA), members voted to approve changes to the duty system operated at Matlock and Glossop Fire Stations following a 10 week public consultation.

In December 2017, FRA members approved a public consultation in respect of three possible options for change to the duty systems operated by Firefighters at Matlock and Glossop Fire Stations. The options came from a review which was part of the Integrated Risk management Plan (IRMP), 2017/18 Action Plan. The options for consultation were:

Option One: Monday to Friday shift pattern with 8 Wholetime Firefighters covering a day shift pattern and fully On-call Firefighters at all other times.

Option Two: Monday to Friday Plus shift pattern with 9 Wholetime Firefighters covering a day shift pattern and fully On-call Firefighters at all other times.

Option Three: Completely On-call Firefighter unit.

The consultation closed on the 16 February 2018.

FRA members have today reviewed the feedback from the consultation and voted to implement Option Two.

Speaking following today's meeting, Chair of the Fire & Rescue Authority, Councillor Kevin Buttery said: "At a meeting in March, authority members were presented with the comprehensive findings of the consultation and given the opportunity to fully explore and discuss these further before voting at today's meeting."

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Terry McDermott MA
Chief Fire Officer / Chief Executive



Derbyshire's Chief Fire Officer/Chief Executive, Terry McDermott said: "The decision to review the duty systems operated at Matlock and Glossop Fire Stations was taken based on extensive and thorough data and performance analysis. This analysis identified the need to review the overall cost effectiveness of these stations, based on the limited number of incidents attended, the reducing risks in the communities and the overall running costs of the stations.

"Following the public consultation, the Fire and Rescue Authority has today voted to implement Option Two from the consultation at both Matlock and Glossop Fire Stations. This option will require 9 Wholetime Firefighters on a day shift pattern and outside of these times, On-call Firefighters will provide cover.

"This option provides the greatest flexibility and resilience in delivering an efficient and effective emergency response to the communities of Matlock and Glossop."

The implementation of Option Two will not result in any Wholetime Firefighter redundancies. A full consultation with employees and the Fire Brigades Union will be undertaken in respect of changes to shift patterns.

NOTE TO EDITORS

To arrange an interview with Chief Fire Officer/Chief Executive Terry McDermott, please contact Rachel Palmer, Press and Communications Manager on 07900 226081.

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