

Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Safer and Stronger Communities)

Date: 12th November 2012

Subject: West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority consultation – comments from Scrutiny.

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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Summary of main issues

1. At its September meeting, the Scrutiny Board acknowledged the start of a 12-week consultation exercise being undertaken by the West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority on proposed changes to emergency cover in West Yorkshire. The Scrutiny Board agreed to consider these proposals and respond to the consultation.
2. The District Commander, Chief Finance Officer and the Deputy Chief Fire officer of West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service attended the Board's meeting on 22nd October 2012 to present an overview of the proposed changes and discuss how these will affect services within the Leeds area in particular.
3. The Scrutiny Board's response to the WYFRA consultation has now been drafted and is attached for Members' consideration.

Recommendations

4. Members are asked to consider the draft response of the Scrutiny Board to the WYFRA consultation on proposed changes to emergency cover in West Yorkshire.

Background documents¹

5. None.

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.