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Our ref: GB/290515
Your ref:
Date: 17 February 2016

Dear Sir Edward,

At today's meeting of the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority, the Authority considered reports on its budget for 2016/17 and associated matters. These are enclosed for reference.

Following discussion, the Authority resolved as follows:

The Authority

- 1) Takes note of the memorandum from the Resources Committee from its 14th January meeting; and in particular that:**

The committee believes that operational changes are best introduced, so far as possible, as part of a comprehensive package consequent on the outcome of the full LSP 6 review to take effect in the year 2017/18, and therefore considers that any operational changes for 2016/17 should be kept to the absolute minimum required to produce a balanced budget;

with which opinion the Authority concurs and considers to be achieved by option A; notes that the savings target has been substantially reduced since first identified; and that option A produces a balanced budget for 2016/17;

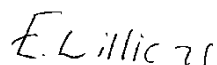
- 2) Recognises and takes note of the overwhelming public support across London in the consultation for Option A;**
- 3) Takes note that the Mayor is minded to direct the Authority to adopt option B as set out in his Chief of Staff's letter of 11th February to the Chair;**

- 4) Also notes however that the letter on behalf of the Mayor makes no direct response to the outcome of the public consultation nor the Resources Committee memorandum and does not respond to the arguments set out therein;
- 5) Therefore resolves that option A should be adopted for the next financial year, as adjusted to reduce the level of cuts required as set out in paragraphs 15 to 18 of the supplementary report , the effect of which on operational appliances will be
- a) to alternate crew 4 (instead of 5) aerial appliances and 2 OSUs
 - b) to avoid the need for the original option A proposal to alternate crew some FRUs
 - c) to avoid the need to cut the 13 front line pumps as set out in option B
- 6) Instructs officers to consider how further resources can be identified during the forthcoming year to create a one off payment into a Community Safety Investment Reserve, for example from any underspend in 2015/16;
- 7) Instructs officers to advise the Mayor of these recommendations and to invite him to reconsider his proposed course of action in light of them

(with 10 votes being cast in favour and 6 votes being cast against).

Accordingly, I write to you to convey the above resolutions.

Yours sincerely



Ed Williams
Clerk to the Authority

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