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Dear Bill

Thank you for your letter of 24 July with regard to a petition received from Ben Croxall to help save a fire engine and team stationed at Pontypridd Fire Station.

Fire and Rescue Authorities are autonomous, independent bodies and as such, it is for them to determine the provision of services in their geographical area.

The Commission on Public Service Governance and Delivery Report sets out some clear recommendations specific to Fire and Rescue Authorities. The Welsh Government published its response to the Commission's report in 'Devolution, Democracy, Delivery – Improving public services for people in Wales' on 8 July. Aligned with this, I announced a White Paper 'Reforming Local Government'. Paragraphs 46 and 88 of the White Paper deal specifically with fire specific issues. The White Paper includes recommendations which impact on the whole of Local Government, such as the role of audit, inspection and regulation and how these are more closely linked to revised scrutiny and governance arrangements. These considerations will apply to Fire and Rescue Authorities. These reforms will be critical to build the capacity, sustainability and efficiency of the Public Sector, and so minimise the need for cuts to front-line jobs and services.

Regards
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