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Dear Mr Powell

Petition Title: P-04-P-04-563
Provision of Services at Pontypridd Fire Station

Thank you for your recent letter addressed to the Chief Fire Officer concerning the above petition that you have received.

As you may be aware, this proposal comprises part of the South Wales Fire & Rescue Authority Fire Cover Review and has recently been the subject of staff, public and stakeholder consultation. The consultation the petition relates to centres around the provision of appropriate fire cover in the Rhondda Cynon Taf Unitary Authority area. The review highlighted that there was an overprovision of cover and that as a consequence Members could consider **either** closing Porth Fire & Rescue Station **or** removing the second retained duty system appliance from Pontypridd Fire & Rescue Station, **but not both**.

The outcome of this consultation is currently being evaluated and will be formally reported to the Fire & Rescue Authority at their meeting on 29 September 2014. At this meeting, Members will consider their views on the proposal in the light of the consultation responses and could take any number of decisions on fire cover in the area. Until this time, the proposal remains purely that.

A copy of the report to the Fire & Rescue Authority will become public in the normal way on the Service's website three working days before the meeting should you require sight of it; and the issue will be discussed in public session at the meeting should a representative from your committee wish to attend.

Should you require any further clarification in the interim, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sally Chapman', with a large, stylized initial 'S'.

Sally Chapman
Deputy Chief Officer