

REPORT OF THE  
**Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority**  
PART II

**1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- 1.1. At its meeting of 13 February 2018, the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority reviewed budget proposals for 2018/19 and agreed to set a precept for the year comprising a 2.98 percent increase. The Authority also considered and approved the updated Health, Safety and Wellbeing Statement of Intent for 2018. It furthermore noted the update to the Authority's Risk Protection and Insurance Arrangements which confirmed a slight reduction in the premium, with the overall operating surplus going back into the pool to provide provision for any future liabilities.
- 1.2. The Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority at its meeting on the 22 March 2018 considered and approved the Pay Policy Statement for the 2018/19 financial year. The Authority also accepted the Position Statement for Building Regulations, Planning and Legislation and the position of the Fire and Rescue Service being statutory consultees at the planning stage in respect to fire safety.
- 1.3. Furthermore at its meeting on the 22 March 2018, the Authority considered a report which proposed the creation of a new combined Fire Authority to include Hampshire, Southampton, Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight. Authority Members noted that further work would be done on the risks and benefits ahead of the consultation process, and it was emphasised that the proposed new Fire Authority would focus on partnership working.

Further details on these items can be found at the following links:

- [HFRA 13 February 2018](#)
- [HFRA 22 March 2018](#)

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