

REPORT OF THE
HAMPSHIRE FIRE and RESCUE AUTHORITY
PART II

1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- 1.1. At its extraordinary meeting of 24 January 2019, the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority unanimously approved the proposal to create a Combined Fire authority with the Isle of Wight. This decision followed a twelve week consultation, which took place at the end of 2018 across all of the authorities areas. Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority welcomed the attendance of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Councillor Tig Outlaw from the Isle of Wight Council at the meeting, who both spoke in support of the recommendations. Later on the 24 January, the proposal was also unanimously supported by the Isle of Wight Cabinet. The recommendations will now be considered by the Secretary of State.

At the same meeting, the Authority also learned that Steve Apter had been appointed as the new Deputy Chief Fire Officer. Steve would join the Service with a wealth of experience and handover preparations were in place ahead of the current Deputy, Andy Bowers', retirement in June 2019.

- 1.2. The Full Authority also had a meeting on the 5 December 2018, where it approved the Annual Assurance Statement for 2017/18. Members also agreed to establish six additional Fire Cadet units across the County and fund new Mobile Data Terminals (MDT's) across the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service fleet.

Further details can be found at the following links:

- [HFRA - 24 January 2019](#)
- [HFRA - 5 December 2018](#)

COUNCILLOR CHRIS CARTER
Chairman of Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority