

Submitted to Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service: Fire Cover Review and Special Appliances Review 2023
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Introduction

1 What is your name? (optional)

Name:
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2 What is your email address? (optional)

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3 Do you have any connection with GMFRS?

No, I have no past or current work or volunteering relationship with GMFRS

Proposal 1: Introducing two additional 'day crewing' fire stations

4 Taking into consideration the information below, do you agree or disagree with the proposals for Offerton? (To be introduced in 2023/24)

Neither agree or disagree

5 Taking into consideration the information below, do you agree or disagree with the proposals for Sale? (To be introduced in 2024/25)

Strongly disagree

6 The proposed changes would release approximately £1.134 million in funds that would be reinvested in other priority areas such as: prevention, protection, people services and in frontline engines in other locations. Do you agree or disagree on this reallocation of funds?

Strongly disagree

7 Are there any additional comments or suggestions that you would like to make on this proposal?

Please write them here if so:

Sale Fire Station is the closest station to Carrington, which hosts a number of hazardous businesses and the associated COMAH zones. There are few places with so many such businesses anywhere in GM and Trafford continues to approve more in Carrington. Trafford is also proposing a huge development of housing and warehousing in this area, which means more residents and employees to evacuate, should an incident require such a response.

To increase the fire crew response time, even by just 1 minute, is not acceptable. Local residents must have confidence that any such incident will be dealt with as rapidly as possible.

Proposal 2: A new Enhanced Rescue Service approach - for complex situations

8 This proposal suggests introducing a new operating model and staffing structure for Enhanced Rescue Stations in Greater Manchester. Do you agree with the new model and staffing structure?

Undecided

9 Overall, do you agree or disagree with this proposal for Enhanced Rescue Stations in Greater Manchester?

Not Answered

10 Are there any additional comments or suggestions that you would like to make on this proposal?

Please list any below:

Whilst I fully understand the challenges with budgets, I am unsure about this part of your proposals. Why are the enhanced rescue stations based in Ashton and Leigh? Are there complex COMAH zones or other potential hazards there?

You recognise Manchester's growing city centre but the Places for Everyone Spatial Plan intends to build sufficient housing for over 400,000 additional residents across Greater Manchester, warehousing and hazardous businesses in unsustainable locations with roads being the only way in for emergency vehicles and the only way out for evacuating residents and employees! Your proposals do not seem to recognise this.

Proposal 3: Two additional fire engines for Manchester's areas of highest demand and greatest risk

11 To what extent do you agree or disagree about adding two additional fire engines to the GMFRS fleet? (As a result of proposal 1 and 2 being implemented)

Neither agree or disagree

12 How important do you think it is to have a fire and rescue service that is equipped to handle the unique risks and challenges of Greater Manchester's urban landscape?

Not Answered

13 Do you have any additional comments about the proposal to introduce two additional fire engines into Manchester?

Please list them below:

You mention Greater Manchester's urban landscape, almost 50% of Greater Manchester's land is Green Belt and, typically, rural. There are unique risks for those areas too. In fact, Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service were, just yesterday, coping with a huge barn fire, involving "a large quantity of hay bales", cooling a diesel tank in the barn and monitoring the remaining hay with thermal imaging cameras. The news article warned local residents to keep their windows and doors closed since the fire had produced "a large amount of smoke".

Special Appliance Review

14 Would you be happy to answer some additional questions on enhancing our special appliances?

Yes

Enhancing our Special Appliances

15 To what extent do you agree or disagree with our plans to upgrade and replace specialist fire and rescue equipment?

Neither agree or disagree

16 Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to move one of our four Turntable Ladders (TTL) from Stretford to Oldham fire station?

Neither agree or disagree

17 The Hydraulic Platform Vehicles (HPVs) are reaching the end of their servicable life, and it is proposed to replace them with new High Reach Extendable Turrets (HRETs). Do you agree or disagree with this proposal to enhance our water firefighting capabilities and resources?

Neither agree or disagree

18 Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to enhance our water search and rescue capability by introducing a three-tier approach covering each of our 41 fire stations?

Neither agree or disagree

19 Do you have any other comments about the proposals covered in the Special Appliances Review?

other comments about special appliance review:

About You

20 Which local authority area do you live in (if you're responding on behalf of yourself) or work in (if you're responding on behalf of an organisation)?

Area:
Trafford

21 How old are you?

Age:
55-64

22 Do you consider yourself to have a disability? (please tick all that apply)

No

If you selected 'other disability', what is this? :

23 How do you describe your gender?

A woman (including trans woman)

24 Which of the following best describes how you think of yourself?

Heterosexual

25 Do you identify as trans/transgender?

No

26 How do you describe your ethnic background?

Ethnicity:

White - English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British

27 How do you describe your religion?

No religion

If you selected 'other religion', what religion are you? :