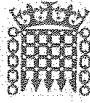


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Cllr Rebecca Knox
Chair of the Dorset Fire And Rescue Authority
Service Headquarters
Peverell Avenue West
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Dear Rebecca,

I am writing just to say that, following our extensive conversations over a considerable period and the various presentations given by your Chief Officer, I have reached the conclusion that the proposed merger with the Wiltshire authority offers much the best prospect of a sustainable, high quality fire and rescue service in West Dorset.

I therefore strongly support the proposed merger, and am more than happy to do whatever I can to promote it.

With best wishes,

Yours ever,

OLIVER LETWIN