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Dear Sir

Strengthening Our Fire and Rescue Service – Public Consultation 2014

The Executive Committee of the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils held on 13 September, considered the consultation documents regarding the future of Dorset Fire and Rescue Service.

During the course of this consideration, the Committee made it clear that they did not view the arguments for any of the 3 scenarios for the future as compelling. However, strong support was voiced for the following:

- The need to retain strong local accountability
- Continued strong community collaboration – focusing on the elderly and vulnerable; support for young people, including those on apprenticeships, and young offenders
- Continued fire prevention work, at a local community level
- Careful consideration to be given to the impact on Dorset County Council support services, such as Legal and Financial Services which may be disadvantaged by diseconomies of scale

We hope that the above points will be helpful to you during your consideration of your future. The Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils enjoys a close working relationship with the Dorset Fire and Rescue Service, and wishes this to continue.

Yours faithfully