



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE
FIRE AND RESCUE
AUTHORITY**

Item 11

MEETING	Fire Authority Meeting
DATE OF MEETING	14 September 2016
SUBJECT OF THE REPORT	Local Government Review
STATUS OF REPORT	For publication
PURPOSE OF REPORT	For decision
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	On 31 August both the Chief Fire Officer and the Chairman received correspondence regarding a consultation process which was being undertaken in respect of the nine councils (3 upper tier and 6 Districts) across Dorset. The consultation examines options in relation to maintaining the existing arrangements and 4 variations of two new unitary authorities. The attached Consultation information also outlines issues associated to council tax harmonisation, financial assessments and governance. As 3 of our 5 constituent Authorities will be impacted by the outcome of this consultation and any subsequent review, Members may wish to consider whether a response from the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority is required and if so the key messages they would wish to include.
RISK ASSESSMENT	Failure to consider and respond to the consultation may impact the influence of the Authority in respect of any Local Government Review across the councils of Dorset.
COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT	None
BUDGET IMPLICATIONS	None for the purposes of this report
RECOMMENDATIONS	It is recommended that Members consider the consultation information in appendix A and determine if and what response they wish to make.
BACKGROUND PAPERS	None
APPENDICES	Appendix A: Consultation Information – Reshaping your councils: a better future for your community

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