



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE
FIRE AND RESCUE**

Angus Macpherson MBE
Police & Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire
and Swindon

Martyn Underhill
Police & Crime Commissioner for Dorset

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service
Five Rivers Community Health & Wellbeing Centre,
Hulse Road, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP1 3NR

Direct Line: (01722) 691076

email: cllrrebecca.knox@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

dwfire.org.uk

Our ref: RK/TR

Date: 28 May 2020

Via Email

Dear Angus & Martyn

Thank you for your letter dated the 19th May 2020 requesting membership of the Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority.

For many years we have enjoyed an excellent track record of joint working between us. Like you, I am keen to appropriately strengthen our arrangements to ensure that we are both as efficient and effective as possible for the communities we serve.

As you know, there are a number of available options associated with police and crime commissioners sitting and making contributions to fire and rescue authorities. These options are helpful as they allow us to determine the best way forward to secure the most effective partnership working arrangements for our communities and the services provided by ourselves and police forces.

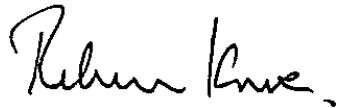
As you may also be aware, changes to a fire and rescue authority are made at its Annual General Meeting (AGM). For the Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority this will be in June 2021. This is helpful as it will afford us an excellent opportunity to discuss in depth the best option going forward. I will notify Members of your request and prepare an outline paper for our September meeting setting out the option and variables associated with this request. In the interests of transparency and wider engagement, I will then consult and have discussions with our local government partners and others to form a paper for consideration at the AGM.

In the meantime, I look forward to maintaining the excellent working relationships we have at all levels and the sharing of our best practices within health, local government and emergency service arenas to drive down operational demand and strengthen the services to our communities.

Councillor Rebecca Knox, Chair of the Fire & Rescue Authority

I hope you, your families and the communities we represent keep safe and well during these difficult circumstances

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca Knox'.

Cllr Rebecca Knox
Chair of the Fire & Rescue Authority

Councillor Rebecca Knox, Chair of the Fire & Rescue Authority