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By email:

Jason Thelwell  
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Cllr Lesley Clarke  
Fire and Rescue Authority Chair

14 December 2021

Dear Jason,

## **UNDER EMBARGO ROUND 2 FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE REPORT**

Please find attached an embargoed copy of your service inspection report. Also attached is our response to your pre-publication comments.

2. This report is under embargo until **00.01 on Wednesday 15 December 2021** when it will be published on our website. Please ensure the content of the attached report is kept confidential until then.
3. A copy of this report has also been shared with the chair (or equivalent) of your fire and rescue authority. As you will be aware, all fire and rescue authorities must give due regard to our reports and recommendations (section 7.5 of the Fire and Rescue National Framework for England 2018).
4. Our national findings will be summarised in the 2021 *State of Fire and Rescue* report, which is due to be published at **14.00 on Wednesday 15 December 2021**.
5. Some services have already received recommendations by letter from us. Some services will receive recommendations in their reports. If this applies to your service, and you have not already received the recommendation and provided us with an action plan, you should prepare, update and regularly publish an action plan, detailing how the recommendations are being actioned. If the fire and rescue authority does not propose to undertake any action as a result of a recommendation, reasons for this should be given. If you have not already done so, please send your action plan and any comments to our dedicated email account [FRSactionplans@hmicfrs.gov.uk](mailto:FRSactionplans@hmicfrs.gov.uk) within 56 working days of your report being published.
6. Like you, we would like to keep the public fully informed and updated on your response to our report. We are still examining options to make all action plans easily accessible via our website. In the meantime, it would be helpful if, when responding, you could also provide us with a link to where your response is published (via our dedicated e-mail account [FRSactionplans@hmicfrs.gov.uk](mailto:FRSactionplans@hmicfrs.gov.uk)).
7. Following publication, you will be able to use our interactive fire assessment tool to see the data used in the inspections and how your service compares to others in England. The interactive

tool can be accessed by the public and shared on your social media or press releases using the following link: [Fire and Rescue Service Assessment](#)

8. Once again, I would like to offer my thanks to you and your service for your co-operation with the inspection process. We look forward to continuing to work with you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Parr', followed by a long, sweeping horizontal stroke.

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