



## **West Mercia Fire and Rescue Governance**

### **Consultation Pack**

I believe that by changing governance arrangements for our local fire services we can deliver more effective, efficient services to our communities.

By assuming the role of our two Fire Authorities we can significantly improve local police and fire services, whilst saving the taxpayer £4m a year.

I am consulting our communities and partners on these proposals and want to hear from as many people as possible before the closing date on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September. This pack is designed to give you all the information you need to understand the plans, the reasons behind them and to take part in the consultation. It contains:

- The commitments I would hold myself to as Commissioner for local fire services
- The business case setting out recommendations and evidence for change
- A Q&A document, covering questions that may arise as part of this consultation
- A copy of the consultation document

These documents are also available on my website, [www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk). Alternative formats of the consultation are available via my office on request.

For me, these proposals are about delivering the best long term results for our communities and our emergency services. Our Fire Authorities have laid some good foundations, but it's clear to me that our communities are not getting the most effective, efficient services they could. That can only be achieved by making this change.

By ensuring our police and fire services are collaborating and integrated as much as possible we can deliver better emergency responses, improve prevention measures, and increase information sharing between the services. It allows us to deliver necessary efficiencies in a way that protects the frontline, fully respecting and retaining the professional skills and knowledge within each service and geographic area, which I think is a key priority for our communities.

Thank you for taking part in the consultation.



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