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Dear Mr Campion

Following your three month consultation proposing changing governance arrangements for local fire services in Worcestershire, Herefordshire, Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin, I requested the Council's cross party Customer, Community & Partnership Scrutiny Committee to review the information in the consultation and provide a recommendation to Cabinet on whether or not Telford & Wrekin Council should support the proposals.

The Scrutiny recommendation is not to support your proposal to take on governance of local fire services in Herefordshire, Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin and Worcestershire for reasons of financial and service resilience, and replacing the existing Fire and Rescue Authorities. A copy of the report is attached.

We feel collaboration between Shropshire & Wrekin and Hereford & Worcester Fire & Rescue Authorities and other public bodies be encouraged to continue.

Based on this recommendation Telford & Wrekin Council will not be supporting your proposal.

Yours sincerely



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Leader of the Council

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Mr Nick Hurd MP, Minister of State for Policing and the Fire Service
Rod Hammerton, Chief Fire Officer at Shropshire Fire and Rescue
Cllr Eric Carter, Chair of the CFA
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