

Can you help save our fire & rescue service?

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I am writing to you as Chair and Mayor of Lynton and Lynmouth Town Council, and after discussions with representatives from Woolacombe, Porlock and Appledore I am contacting you since your area will be directly affected by the closure of Fire Stations in the proposals by the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service .

We are a group of concerned councillors in towns, parishes and district councils in the north of the Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority area. We realise there are certainly other groups like us in Devon and Somerset but are not sure we know of all of them, so please tell us of any you know so that we can coordinate our efforts.

DSFRS are proposing dramatic cuts to services all across our two counties and we think their decision taking process is fatally flawed. We are convinced there is a very strong case for a Judicial Review of any decision made at the DSFRS meeting on 18th December and we are assembling the funds needed. Can your council help by pledging financial support (although we wont need the money yet)? Or do you know of any other organisation that might be prepared to pledge such support? If so please email john.patrinis@northdevon.gov.uk

Even if you live in one the many towns and villages that don't immediately appear to be hit by these cuts - you are. They act in a network, so whenever a fire appliance leaves a station all the others move around to try and provide cover. These movements will certainly affect you. Any cuts will make you less safe, so you need to help now, before it is too late.

In addition you will also lose the first response provided by firefighters in the event of a delayed ambulance.

Here is a link to a facebook page which elucidates the errors in the DSFRS document

[Save Our Station - The Woolacombe Fire Service](#) shared a post.

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Once the Judicial Review is successful DSFRS will be required to redo the proposals, consultations, and decision. Our objective is to ensure that any new proposals are tested by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services to ensure they are safe. We believe this is a reasonable approach that safeguards us from ill considered cuts.

I hope that this will stimulate discussion amongst your council, and gain the support to cause the DSFRS to rethink their way forward.

Many thanks

Chris Sleep
Mayor LLTC