



Report to Cabinet

Subject: Police & Fire Authority Consultations

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1. Purpose of the Report

- To inform Cabinet of the consultations currently taking place by Nottinghamshire Police Authority in respect of the future of police stations and front counter services and secondly, Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service consultation in respect of changes to fire cover.

2. Nottinghamshire Police Authority – Changes to Police Stations in Nottinghamshire

- As part of its work to find savings while continuing to improve police performance, Nottinghamshire Police is proposing to make changes to a number of police stations and front counters across Nottinghamshire.
- The proposals include retaining front counter services at 18 key stations, rather than the current 42, and closing 12 stations.
- The plans are intended to ensure that everyone in Nottinghamshire will be within a 20-minute journey of a front counter facility.
- Within Gedling Borough, the plans include a proposal to close Calverton and Ravenshead Police Stations.
- No decisions have yet been taken and before it approves these plans, the Police Authority is undertaking a consultation, (closing date 14th September 2011), seeking views of local people, partners and stakeholders.

3. Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service – Fire Cover Review

- The Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service Plan 2010 (not 2011?) -2013 made a commitment to review frontline services across the County. This review began in January 2010 with results showing that the operational demands and risks facing the service had changed.
- The proposals that are subject to consultation seek to balance cover with demand, with a view to enabling the service to provide a first class, efficient response to emergencies and serve those most at risk.
- Within Gedling one proposal would see the removal of the Retained fire engine at Arnold and its replacement with a Targeted Response Vehicle. The second proposal would see the removal of the Retained fire engine at Carlton, and leaving in place a Wholetime engine crewed 24 hours per day.
- No decisions have yet been taken and before it approves these plans, the Fire Authority is undertaking a consultation, (closing date 23rd October 2011), seeking views of local people, partners and stakeholders.

4. Recommendation

To note the content of the proposals and request the Portfolio Holder Communications and Public Protection submit a formal response to both consultation exercises from Gedling Borough Council.