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Dear

William

Petition P-04-631 Save our Service – Large Animal Rescue in North Wales

Further to your letter dated 26 November 2015 and the RSPCA letter dated 25 June 2015.

As highlighted in the letter dated 25 June 2015, these are difficult times for all public sector organisations and in particular, the Fire and Rescue Authorities are having to prioritise their funding to satisfy their responsibilities contained within the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004.

In relation to this specific activity, Mid and West Wales Fire Authority has chosen to maintain the animal rescue capability within the Mid and West Wales Fire & Rescue Service area; however, this may change subject to further financial cuts. It is also worth noting this Authority has already made £7.5m cuts – 17% of our overall budget and removed 23% of fire station based posts.

As you will therefore appreciate it is a matter for each Fire and Rescue Authority to determine their budget to enable the effective and efficient delivery of a Fire and Rescue Service within their specified area. Any budget decision/prioritisation within North Wales Fire & Rescue Authority is therefore a decision for that Authority only.

It is also worth noting that the future of the animal rescue capability within Mid and West Wales Fire & Rescue Service, like all other statutory and non-statutory functions, will be subject to further review once the extent of Fire and Rescue Authority budget settlement is agreed.

Yours sincerely

C Davies
Chief Fire Officer