

# **COUNCIL**

**1 FEBRUARY 2012**

## **AGENDA ITEM 7 – NOTICE OF MOTION**

The following Notice of Motion has been received:-

"This Council is greatly concerned over the scale of cuts proposed by the Labour controlled Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service (GMFRS) to our Fire Service here in the Borough of Bury.

We are concerned that the proposed loss of fire engines and fire crews in particular at Ramsbottom Fire Station may have an adverse effect on emergency response times.

At the same time, this Council notes the complete failure of the previous Labour Government's policy of forced regionalisation of England's Fire Control centres, closing 46 local centres to be replaced by 9 super-centres. Nearly £500 million has been wasted without answering a single emergency call nor mobilising a single fire engine, money that could have been spent on these front line services. This Council endorses the report of the Public Accounts Committee which found the project to be one of the worst failures it has seen and expressed astonishment that no-one has been held to account for this scandalous waste of money.

This Council believes that the people of the Borough of Bury are entitled to have their Fire emergency calls dealt with without risk to life.

This Council calls for GMFRS to review its proposals and protect front line fire services in Bury and Ramsbottom."

**In the names of Councillors Ahmed, Bevan, Bibby, Brown, Caserta, Cohen, Gartside, Gunther, Hankey, Harris, Hurst, Hussain, Taylor, Theckston, Vincent, Walker, Walton, Wiseman and Wright.**