

# COUNCIL

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## **JOINT AUTHORITY QUESTIONS**

### **Greater Manchester Fire Cllr O'Hanlon**

Could the Authority's Spokesperson on Greater Manchester Fire Authority inform member on the impact there would be on residents in Prestwich on downgrading Broughton Fire Station to having one (down from two) fire engines in use, and five, (down from eight) fire fighters on duty.

(Councillor Matthews to respond)

**A. 'In Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service we have 66 Fire Engines stationed across 41 Stations – some Stations have 2 Crewed Fire Engines, some have one fully Crewed Engine plus a strategic reserve (which can be Crewed up when demand requires it) and some have one Crewed Fire Engine.**

**Broughton is proposed to have one fully Crewed Engine plus a strategic reserve (which can be Crewed up when demand requires it). The fully Crewed Engine will have 5 staff on it. Our Fire Control are constantly moving Engines around to give the best Fire Cover dependent upon what is happening at any one time. The Fire Engines do not just stay and deploy from a Station. If Engines are out or at another incident, Control move other Engines to cover. So it isn't helpful to try and focus on just the Engines from one Station.**

**I would ask people to go to our Homepage – and there is a lot of information there; including about these proposals. I would ask you to follow the link below and in particular watch the short film-clip which explains 'fire cover' and also use the postcode checker.**

**With regard to the specific question – yes the proposal is to have one Crewed Engine with 5 staff on instead of two with 8 (4 and 4) – but overall fire-cover will hardly change, as all the other surrounding Engines will be utilised also.**

**The change asked about is part of a package of measures which are necessary to address the multi-million pound cuts we are facing; and the approach to consultation is to say 'these are our proposals; but do you have better ideas which still deliver the necessary savings.'**

**[http://www.manchesterfire.gov.uk/my\\_area/response\\_times.aspx](http://www.manchesterfire.gov.uk/my_area/response_times.aspx)**

## **Transport for Greater Manchester**

### **Cllr Pickstone**

Could the Authority's Spokesperson on Transport for Greater Manchester inform members what the views are of Transport for Greater Manchester of measures taken by bus operators to 'run to time' - e.g. buses not picking up passengers when a bus is five minutes late, and buses waiting excessively part way on a journey.

### **Cllr O'Hanlon**

Could the Authority's Spokesperson on Transport for Greater Manchester inform members what the cost has been so far of determining the name of the smart travel card 'Get Me There'.

### **Cllr Pickstone**

Could the Authority's Spokesperson provide comparison information on the Ring and Ride service provided by GMATL between the period since operation of the scheme was transferred from a Bury base to a Greater Manchester base? Has there been an increase/decrease in the number of requests that are unable to be met? Has there been an increase/decrease in the number of complaints? Has there been an increase/decrease in the number of pick ups which are recorded as late?

(Councillor Noel Bayley to respond)