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**Ballymoney Borough Council**

**Minutes of Council Meeting No 853 held in the Council Chamber, Riada House, Ballymoney on Monday 2nd January 2007 at 6.30 pm.**

**IN THE CHAIR:** Councillor J Finlay, Mayor

**PRESENT:**

**Aldermen:**

F Campbell  
H Connolly  
C Cousley, Deputy Mayor  
J Simpson

**Councillors:**

A Cavan	B Kennedy
M McCamphill	D McKay
T McKeown	A Patterson
E Robinson	I Stevenson
M Storey, MLA	

**APOLOGIES:** P McGuigan, MLA  
R Wilson

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**The Fire Brigades Union (Item 531.1.1)**

Mr J Barbour  
Mr S Thompson  
Mr D Rooney

**NI Fire & Rescue Service (Item 531.1.1)**

Mr WF Gillespie (Chairman)  
Mr C Lammey

Chief Executive  
Deputy Director of Borough Services  
Director of Central & Leisure Services  
Head of Corporate & Development Services  
Committee Clerk

**Press**

## **853.1 PRESENTATIONS**

### **1.1 The Fire Brigades Union**

The Mayor referred to the consultative document tabled at the Consultation Committee in December and the closing date for comments is 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007. Correspondence from the Fire Brigades Union drew Council's attention to issues of public safety contained in the Draft Integrated Management Plan. And members had expressed particular concern with proposal 4, which, if implemented, would effectively result in a 50% reduction in fire cover capacity in the area covered by Ballymoney Fire Station. It had been decided that representatives from the Fire Brigades Union and the NI Fire and Rescue Service be invited to make presentations to Council to assist it in formulating its response to the Fire and Rescue Service Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan 2007/08. Both organisations would present to Council this evening.

The Mayor welcomed Mr Barbour, Mr Rainey and Mr Thompson and invited Mr Barbour to make a presentation on behalf of the fire Brigades Union. Mr Barbour advised that the Union had received the support of the NI Assembly for its opposition to the cuts proposed by the Fire Authority under its Draft Integrated Management Plan 2007/08, which it was presently consulting on until 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007. He advised that the Union had finalised its response to-day and would copy to Council. Mr Barbour highlighted in particular the proposal for review of the second pump appliance, which would see twelve fire engines removed from twelve towns, a move which the Union viewed as dangerous as it would put lives at risk. He stated that if the number of fire engines at these stations was cut then response times will increase for a second engine. A copy of the Union's presentation is included at Appendix A.

In the ensuing discussion Mr Barbour and his colleagues responded to members questions. Members expressed concern that proposals to reduce the number of appliances and the prospect of response targets not being met.

- Councillor McKeown joined the meeting at this stage (Time 6.55 p.m.)

### **1.2 Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service**

The representatives from the Fire Brigades Union then left the meeting having been thanked by the Mayor for their attendance and presentation.

The Mayor then welcomed Mr Bill Gillespie and Mr Colm Lammey from the NI Fire and Rescue Service and invited Mr Gillespie to address the meeting.

Mr Gillespie addressed the meeting as follows:-

“On behalf of the Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service I thank you for this opportunity to address your Meeting this evening.

You are understandably concerned about some of the proposals in our draft Integrated Risk Management Plan for 2007/08, currently out for consultation. We appreciate your interest and welcome constructive comments from all quarters.

When members are appointed to the Fire & Rescue Service Board, they are charged with a number of responsibilities. Allow me to mention but two of these. One is to ensure that the Service is run effectively, efficiently and economically. Another is to challenge the way in which the organisation is managed.

In discharging these responsibilities, we have recently been able to make considerable enhancements to the emergency services we provide. We have done so largely within the same finite sums of public money allocated to us each year. These enhancements could only have been achieved by constantly reviewing how the service is delivered and by asking ourselves whether there is scope for change without any diminution in the standards of delivery.

Each year IRMP provides a formal opportunity to look at ourselves, to float ideas, to consult on them (as we are currently doing), to consider the public responses and to take action where appropriate. Last year, for instance, following consultation, we set ourselves new and challenging targets for our attendance response times and I can assure you that the Board will not countenance any changes which would prejudice the attainment of these targets.

Also, last year we identified certain areas in Northern Ireland where, for a variety of reasons, it is difficult for Retained Firefighters to get to incidents within the required time and, following consultation, we are now in process of strengthening our posture in these areas by having Wholetime crews in the relevant Stations during critical hours as highlighted by the IRMP process.

This year our draft IRMP includes 4 proposals. The first one relates to a complete risk assessment of certain types of buildings in line with a recent Emergency Cover methodology now being used throughout the United Kingdom. The second proposal is simply to consider whether, in some areas, smaller purpose-built appliances would be more appropriate.

The third proposal is to review the location of Fire Stations in Belfast where the demographics have greatly changed since the existing Stations were built many years ago. There is no suggestion of a reduction in the number of Stations or appliances, and this is an exercise, which should be welcomed especially in the extended Belfast area.

The fourth proposal is, of course, the one in which you have a special interest. Permit me to point out from the wording of this proposal that *“within the Emergency Response Standards, it is proposed (at this stage merely a proposal) to examine the indicated locations to consider if it is appropriate to either remove the second appliance or replace it with a specialist type of vehicle”*. So please do note that it is only proposed to consider if changes would be appropriate and only if such changes would not reduce the standards of fire cover. It may well be that the review will show that no changes – or only some – are appropriate.

The consultation period finishes on 31 January 2007. The responses will be carefully noted and analysed for presentation to the Board on 27 February but I hasten to say that on that date the Board will only be deciding whether to proceed with the proposals which, in the case of proposal 4, would simply mean that our IRMP Group would work on the review and report back to the Board in the late Autumn. It would only be at that time, probably October that the Board would endorse or reject any firm plans to withdraw or replace appliances, and again I emphasise that we would not agree to such action if the result would be a reduction in the cover we are currently committed to. If the Board did decide to make major changes, we would then go out for a further round of consultation on specific proposals.

Mr Mayor, the taxpayer, the Auditor General, the Public Accounts Committee, the Department of Health which sponsors and funds us, all expect that we continually look at how we use the public funds entrusted to us. That is exactly what we are about in our IRMP proposals.

Mr Gillespie and Mr Lammey then responded to Councillors questions emphasising that the proposal regarding reducing the number of fire appliances in 12 towns was only a proposal to examine this and if endorsed by the Board, the changes proposed would be published for consultation. He emphasised that cost was not the driver behind the exercise.

Other issues which engaged members' attention were the level of crew on appliances, types of appliances provided in particular areas, response to calls from nursing homes, target attendance fires and proposal for recruitment of more trained fire fighters for Ballymoney, an action which Mr Gillespie said Members should take some comfort from. Mr Lammey undertook to provide information on fires for Ballymoney and Ballycastle trees. The Mayor thanked Mr Gillespie and Mr Lammey for their presence and their attendance and they retired from the meeting.

**\* The Deputy Director of Borough Services and the Director of Central and Leisure Services joined the meeting at this stage, 7.30 pm.**

The Mayor advised that the consultation document would be placed on the agenda for the Consultation Committee in January.

### 853.2 CONGRATULATIONS

The Mayor, Councillor Finlay, conveyed congratulations to two local residents of the borough, who have been recognized in the New Year Honours List –

- Mr John Hugh Knox
- Mr Kevin McKillop

Both residents have been awarded the MBE for public service.

Councillor Finlay also conveyed his congratulations to Mervyn White, a key player for many years in the organisation of the North West, who has been awarded the MBE for services to motorcycle racing in Northern Ireland. The North West 200 makes a most valuable contribution to the economy of this region each year and it is fitting that the dedicated work of Mr White has been duly recognised.

### 853.3 MINUTES OF MEETING 851 – 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2006

#### Matters Arising:

#### 3.1 Reconstitution of Amenities Working Group (7.7)

Alderman Simpson requested clarification on the wording of this item indicating its ambiguity. It was agreed that the minute be amended to read – *“The Director of Borough Services explained that the request **was from members** for the working groups to be reconstituted.*

All members agreed with the amendment.

#### 3.2 Adoption of Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor Patterson and **AGREED:**

***that the minutes of Meeting No 851 on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2006, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record, with the amendment as outlined in 3.1.***

### 853.4 MINUTES OF MEETING NO 852 – 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2006

It was proposed by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Alderman Connolly and **AGREED:**

***that the minutes of Meeting No 852 on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2006, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.***

**853.5 SEAL DOCUMENTS**

It was proposed by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor Patterson and **AGREED:**

*that the seal of Council be affixed to Grave Registration Certificate Number 1037.*

**853.6 DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE NO 177 – 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2006**

Councillor Stevenson presented the report.

It was proposed by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Alderman Connolly and **AGREED:**

*that the minutes of Meeting No 177 on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2006 as circulated, be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.*

**853.7 CONSULTATION COMMITTEE NO 07 – 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2006 AND NO 08 – 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2006**

Alderman Connolly presented the reports.

**Matters Arising****7.1 Gortahar Road (CC 07.1)**

Councillor McKay thanked Roads Service for their agreement to include this road in their winter salting schedule.

**7.2 Planning Application – Item 1 D/2005/0845/F (CC 08.5)**

Councillor McCamphill advised that this application had been overlooked on the Action Sheet for an office meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2007, as had been agreed and instead had been deferred for a period of one month. The Head of Corporate and Development Services agreed to clarify this matter with the Planning Service.

**7.3 Adoption of Minutes**

It was proposed by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Stevenson and **AGREED:**

*that the minutes of Meeting No 07 – 30<sup>th</sup> November 2006, and 08 – 18<sup>th</sup> December 2006, as circulated, be adopted.*

**853.8 LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE NO 325 – 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2006**

Alderman Campbell presented the report, advising that his apologies for his absence at the meeting should have been recorded. This was noted.

**Matters Arising****8.1 Car Park Improvements at Rasharkin Community Centre (325.4)**

Councillor McKay proposed that option (2) be adopted and that the car park be extended at an estimated cost of £18,500, pointing out that the situation was currently unacceptable for those using the centre, as many were having to park on the road at a dangerous bend. This matter needs addressing urgently in the interests of need and pedestrian safety. This was seconded by Councillor McCamphill.

The Mayor put the motion of reversing the decision of the committee not to extend the car park to members. 4 members voted in favour and 9 against.

The motion was defeated.

**8.2 Floral Display Applications (325.7)**

Councillor Stevenson requested that Kilraughts Road roundabout be considered for attention and floral display. He has also made this request to Roads Service. The Chief Executive advised that, as the roundabout has not yet been handed over to Council, responsibility for this remains with Roads Service and not with Council.

**8.3 Use of Town Hall Facilities**

Alderman Simpson requested that where the use of the Town Hall facilities was granted as a contribution in kind, the value should be recorded in the minutes.

It was agreed that this matter be placed on the agenda for discussion at the next committee meeting.

It was proposed by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Connolly and **AGREED:**

***that the minutes of Meeting No 325 – 19<sup>th</sup> December 2006 as circulated, be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.***

**853.9 HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE NO 324 – 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2006**

Councillor Robinson presented the report.

**Matters Arising****9.1 Green Apple Awards (324.3)**

Councillor Finlay congratulated Can Can Recycling and Cloughmills for their achievements at the Green Apple Awards and thanked the groups for the recognition brought to the borough through their efforts. Councillor Robinson concurred with Councillor Finlay's remarks.

**9.2 Adoption of Minutes**

It was proposed by Councillor Robinson, seconded by Councillor McCamphill and **AGREED:**

*that the minutes of Meeting No 324 of 20<sup>th</sup> December 2006, as circulated, be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.*

**853.10 CORPORATE & CENTRAL SERVICES COMMITTEE NO 350 – 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2006**

Councillor Patterson presented the report.

**Matters Arising****10.1 District Policing Partnerships (350.6)**

Councillor McCamphill requested advice as to whether the Chief Executive had received clarification relating to the arrangements for the allocation of Chairs under a re-constituted DPP. The Chief Executive advised that the largest party would hold the Chair for the first year. Councillor McCamphill suggested that Alderman Simpson, as Chair of the DPP, invite representatives from Sinn Féin to the next meeting of the DPP to provide them with an opportunity to hear about the work and activities of the DPP.

**10.2 Final Actual Penny Product 2005/2006 (350.8)**

Councillor Stevenson welcomed the figure of £18,599.40 due to Council following the Rates Collection Agency's reconciliation for 2005/2006.

It was proposed by Councillor Robinson that the rate book be produced in the same format as last year, showing actual spend for nine months.

This was seconded by Councillor Stevenson and agreed.

### 10.3 Adoption of Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor Kennedy and **AGREED:**

***that the minutes of Meeting No 350 – 21<sup>st</sup> December 2006, as circulated, be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.***

- \* **The Deputy Director of Borough Services and the Director of Central & Leisure Services left the meeting at this stage at 8.00 pm.**

### 853.11 DEPARTMENT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT – HOUSING COUNCIL

The Private Secretary to David Hanson, MP, Minister with responsibility for Social Development has written in response to Council's letter of 10<sup>th</sup> November 2006.

The letter, dated 29<sup>th</sup> November, states that the rationale behind the decision to abolish the Housing Council was taken as part of a much wider package of proposals under the RP. Under RPA it is envisaged that new district councils will play a central role in planning and delivering their services in their areas through the community planning process. This will involve the all councils working very closely with bodies like the Housing Executive and offering elected councillors an important role in engaging with the Housing Executive on issues affecting their respective areas. This in turn will remove the need for the Housing Council.

### 353.12 MODERNISATION OF SOCIAL SECURITY SERVICES

An Update on the Review of the Agency's organisation and business structures was circulated.

The Chief Executive encouraged members to consider the document and how the changes outlined may impact on the borough. Councillor Storey expressed his concern at the serious threat to post of Pensions Advisors and the impact this might have on the senior citizens of the borough.

It was proposed by Councillor Storey, seconded by Councillor Robinson and **AGREED:**

***that an invitation be issued to Mr Colum Boyle, Director of Business Development, Social Security Agency to attend a future meeting of Council and make a presentation on the Reviews.***

**353.13 HOUSE OF COMMONS TREASURY COMMITTEE – AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINES REPORT**

Correspondence has been received advising Council of the results of a Working Group report on ATMs (Automated Teller Machines/cash machines) which was published in early December, copy circulated.

The Working Group found a small but significant proportion of lower-income areas, whose residents are the least well placed to pay fees at charging ATMs, which currently lack convenient access to a free cash machine.

The Chief Executive advised that Ballymoney has not been identified as an area requiring the installation of free ATM's but Council are able to put forward suggested areas for consideration if it can prove a case of need. Areas identified were:

- Cloughmills. Councillor Finlay also proposed that Council write to Northern Bank who have premises in that location operating part-time.
- Rasharkin – Councillor McKay advised that the Alliance and Leicester Building Society have recently raised their charges for the use of this facility.

It was proposed by Councillor Finlay, seconded by Councillor McKay and **AGREED:**

***that Council's suggestions for Cloughmills and Rasharkin be conveyed to the Committee and that representation also be made to Northern Bank for the introduction of a facility in Cloughmills.***

**353.14 POST OFFICE DERVOCK BRANCH, 209 KNOCK ROAD, DERVOCK, BALLYMONEY**

The Post Office has written to advise that the re-developed site is nearing completion and the Dervock branch will be moved to the newly refurbished premises at 1012 Carncullagh Road, Dervock on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2007. Services at the current branch will cease at 13.00 on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2007 a short time prior to the new branch being operational.

**353.15 ROADS SERVICE – THE PRIVATE STREETS (NI) ORDER 1980**

Development at Bellaghy Park, Dunloy Stage 1 – Developer Denis McHenry, Alastair McHenry, John McHenry, Colm McHenry T/A McHenry Bros Roads Service has written to inform Council that the streets at above development have now been adopted by Roads Service.

**353.16 ROADS SERVICE - THE C91 VOW ROAD, BALLYMONEY  
(ABANDONMENT) ORDER (NI) 2006)**

Roads Services has written to advise of area of road to be abandoned – 1470sq metres of road at Vow Road, Ballymoney.

**353.17 NEWRY & MOURNE DISTRICT COUNCIL - RESOLUTION**

At a recent Council Meeting the following resolution was adopted:

*“That Newry and Mourne District Council reaffirm its support for the Campaign to legalise the Undocumented Irish in the USA which is spearheaded by the ILIR (The Irish Lobby for Immigration Reform) and that they write to incoming Speaker of the House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi asking her to encourage Democrats to work with President George Bush to resurrect his proposed overhaul of the USA immigration laws. A letter of encouragement should be sent to all USA Senators and Newry and Mourne District Council should ask all Councils throughout the island of Ireland to also send letters to these elected representatives, highlighting their desire to see the Undocumented Irish issue resolved.”*

Newry & Mourne District Council has asked that Council support this resolution by writing to the incoming Speaker of the House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi highlighting the desire to see the Undocumented Irish issue resolved.

It was proposed by Councillor Cavlan, seconded by Councillor McKay

***that Council support the resolution.***

The Mayor put the motion to the meeting. 4 members voted in favour and 6 voted against.

The Mayor declared the motion lost.

**853.18 DUNGANNON & SOUTH TYRONE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
CHRISTMAS POSTAGE STAMPS**

At a meeting of the Council held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2006 members discussed the design of the 6 Christmas Postage stamps. While members had no difficulty with what was produced, they expressed concern that not one of the stamps refers to the Nativity, the main reason for Christmas in a Christian country.

The members condemned the Royal Mail's decision to exclude from the 6 Christmas stamps any reference to the Nativity.

Council asked that this be brought to other Councils' attention.

It was proposed by Councillor Robinson and seconded by Councillor Kennedy and **AGREED:**

***that Council support Dungannon & South Tyrone Borough Council in their condemnation of the Royal Mail's decision to exclude any reference to the Nativity on their Christmas postage stamps.***

#### **853.19 AUTISM NI**

Autism NI are seeking Council's support for their response citing the consistent failure of the Bamford Review to profile the most rapidly increasing disability in Northern Ireland – Autism.

Autism NI believes that the Bamford Review Report represents a lost opportunity to address the core social inequality issues surrounding the history of Autism provision in Northern Ireland.

Council's is invited support Autism NI's call for:

- An Autism Programme of Care
- A NI Autism Strategy
- A NI Autism Act


Council accepted the argument that the Mental Health Service is inappropriate to meet the needs of people with Autistic Spectrum disorder and that a specific programme of care with a strategic implementation of service development to meet the needs of those with autism is required.

It was proposed by Councillor Cavan, seconded by Councillor McKay and **AGREED:**

***that Council support Autism NI in their response to the Bamford Review Report and case for:***

- ***An Autism Programme of Care***
- ***A NI Autism Strategy***
- ***A NI Autism Act***

**This being all the business, the meeting closed at 8.20 pm**





**The Fire Brigades Union  
Northern Ireland**

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**NIFRS Draft IRMP  
2007/2008**

**Presentation to  
Ballymoney Borough Council  
Regional Officials  
Northern Ireland**






**The Fire Brigades Union  
Northern Ireland**

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**Presentation Format**

- Background
- About IRMP
- The proposals
- NIFRS Board
- Arguments against proposals
- What will the cuts mean
- Consultation

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**NO 2 Fire Deaths**

- NIFRS recently published their Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan for 2007/2008 (IRMP)
- IRMP is used throughout the UK as a means to Strategically deploy resources throughout a Brigade area
- NIFRS is the sixth largest Fire & Rescue Service out of the current 58 Services
- The Current Consultation is for IRMP 2007/2008




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**Previous IRMP's**

- 2004/2005
- 2005/2006
- 2006/2007
- The Current Consultation is for IRMP 2007/2008

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**NO 2 Fire Deaths**


**So what is NIFRS proposing for 2007/2008?**

**Proposal 1**  
Carry out a Risk Assessment of Other Buildings dealings which were not covered by the buildings risk assessment completed in 2003/06.

**Proposal 2**  
Investigate the potential for the provision of Small Fires Units.

**Proposal 3**  
Review the locations of fire stations and resources in the Belfast Area.

**Proposal 4**  
Review of apocryphal pumping appliances taking into consideration temporal and seasonal risk and demand.



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**NO 2 Fire Deaths**

**The NIFRS Board**

- 1<sup>st</sup> July 2006 a new Fire Board replaced the Fire Authority for NI

**The Board Comprises 12 Individuals**


- Chairman
- Chief Fire Officer
- 4 Political Representatives
- 6 Representatives – Wider Interests

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Northern Ireland

**NO**  
2  
Fire  
Deaths

**Fire Brigades Union Concerns about the NIFRS Board**


- CFD on the Board (position unique in UK)
- QUANGO Status
- Lack of accountability
- Board members not expert
- Levels of understanding
- Levels of information made available to board members by senior management

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**NO**  
2  
Fire  
Deaths

**IRMP Terminology / Language**

- Not Easily Understood
- Implications to the Layman are unclear and hidden behind complicated language
- Innocuous language intended to be misleading.

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**NO**  
2  
Fire  
Deaths

**So as an example, what IRMP language is used within proposal 4?**

"confirm or otherwise"

"remove the second appliance or replace it with a specialist type of vehicle"


NIFRS now raising the proposal is only a review, and that they are open to suggestions, even ridiculously asking station personnel to justify their need for the appliances.

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**NO**  
2  
Fire  
Deaths

**FBU View on Consultation Exercises**


- Previous IRMP consultation exercises were a sham! (years 1,2,& 3 as few as 6 written responses)
- Decisions taken by Senior Managers, then sham consultation, many projects well underway prior to consultation being complete (small fires unit proposal this year is an excellent example)

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Northern Ireland

**NO**  
2  
Fire  
Deaths

**Is all within IRMP wrong? Would the FBU Oppose all Projects?**

- No, a good example is last years IRMP (2006/2007).
- New Local Standards of response were welcomed by the FBU
- Programme of Home Fire Safety Checks welcomed by the FBU as excellent preventative measure

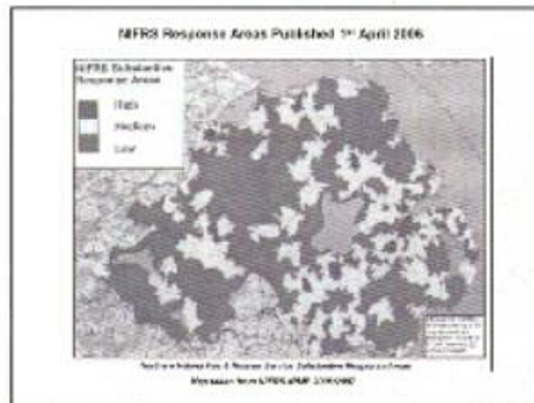
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Northern Ireland

**NO**  
2  
Fire  
Deaths

**The Current Attendance Times**

Main Response	Attendance Times (Min)	
	Not applicable	Not applicable
Medium	15	15
Low	20	20

These new local standards were implemented on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006, to replace the previous "national standards of fire cover" withdrawn in 2004 by Central Government.



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Northern Ireland**

**Are High Risk Areas only located in the major towns and cities?**

**NO**  
Fire Deaths

No, although the map shown previously might lead you to believe that the only areas with High Risk from Dwelling Fires are within Cities and Large Towns, there will always be pockets and hotspots of risk, even in medium sized towns such as Ballymoney, Portlough, and Ballycastle.

Dwelling Fire High Risk is associated primarily with areas of rented accommodation and lone pensioners. The areas targeted within proposal 4 will still have significant high risk.

This is also common sense

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Northern Ireland**

**FBU arguments with 2007/2008 Draft IRNP proposals**

**NO**  
Fire Deaths

- That NIFRS is wrong to even be considering the removal of 12 fire engines from 12 medium sized towns across NI
- That Small Fires Units will be a step backwards from standard frontline fire engines, and their proliferation is driven by the Chief Fire Officers Association (CFOA) to ultimately further a cuts agenda for the future.
- That the review of cover in Belfast must be meaningful and risk based, rather than simply following a cuts agenda

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Northern Ireland**

**So what is at the core of the FBU Argument?**

**NO**  
Fire Deaths

The FBU argument is predicated on the attendance times at dwelling fires for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Fire Engines, coupled with the maximum lag between the first two attending fire engines being no more than 3 minutes. This is the Critical Attendance Standard.

The FBU believe that if proposals 2 & 4 go ahead in their present form, these attendance standards, published by NIFRS (on 1st April this year), will not be met.

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Northern Ireland**

**So why are the attendance times and lag between appliances so critical?**

**NO**  
Fire Deaths

- Public safety.
- Firefighter Safety (safe system of work).

Direct Quote from NIFRS IRNP 2006/2007:

"It has been said to outsiders that the difference between 20 and 30 seconds is the difference between a firefighter's life and death. The FSDC process therefore concentrates on the effect of attendance times as the primary driver for meeting risk to life by operational means.

It is also important that the senior members of fire brigades across such a wide range of fire fighting operations have considered it a safe and effective measure. Collectively this measure is known as the speed and angle of action."

And actually because it's common sense

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**The effects of NIFRS moving away from these standards so quickly:**

**NO**  
Fire Deaths

- Will undermine Public Safety
- Will undermine Firefighter Safety
- Completely undermines the NIFRS dwellings fire risk assessment, published in April 2005 in which they (NIFRS) committed to address the risk by using the new response standards. What has changed?

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**NO 2 Fire Deaths**

**So which Towns will be directly affected by proposal 4?**

Town	Fire Station
Ballycastle	Station 10
Ballyclare	Station 11
Ballymena	Station 12
Belfast	Station 13
Belfast	Station 14
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Belfast	Station 98
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Belfast	Station 100

Due to the geography of Station Areas, other towns within the district will also be affected by these cuts, e.g. Ballymoney by the proposals for Ballycastle, Maghera and Portstewart Fire Stations.

	2001		2002		2003		2004		2005	
	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd
Belfast	101	100	102	101	103	102	104	103	105	104
Ballycastle	102	101	103	102	104	103	105	104	106	105
Ballyclare	103	102	104	103	105	104	106	105	107	106
Belfast	104	103	105	104	106	105	107	106	108	107
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**So what savings will NIFRS make from these cuts?**

As far as the FBUI are aware, (and NIFRS are so far not contradicting us), these proposals are uncoded.

Set against the increased risk, any savings would be minimal, and we believe notional savings certainly would not stand up to a detailed cost-benefit analysis.

Even if the suggested fire engines are removed, NIFRS will still send the same attendance, albeit slower to arrive. So no savings there, in fact in some cases this will cost more.



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**Response Template**

- Usual leading questions
- Very easy to respond unwisely
- Sounds innocuous
- Very dangerous

We would encourage all local politicians to respond in writing, and parties where possible to respond collectively.

We will provide briefing notes, and other information where required.

Consultation closing date 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007




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**Conclusion**

No matter what NIFRS say about this being a meaningful and open consultation, the intent behind language such as, "soften or otherwise" or "remove the second appliance or replace it with a specialist type of vehicle" should not be underestimated.

Make no mistake! Whatever spin NIFRS put on the issue tonight, the real intent behind the proposal is to cut some or all of the 12 appliances.



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**Presentation ends**

**Thanks for inviting us and for listening!**

**Questions / Discussion**