

Mayor and Cabinet			
Report title	Comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the London Fire Brigade		
Contributors	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Item No.	
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1. Summary

- 1.1 This report informs Mayor and Cabinet of the comments and views of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, arising from discussions held with the London Fire Brigade, as part of the Public Spending in Lewisham review, on 13 July 2015.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 Mayor and Cabinet is recommended to note the views, and consider the request, of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as set out in section three of this referral.

3. Overview and Scrutiny Committee views

- 3.1 On 13 July 2015, the full Overview and Scrutiny Committee questioned representatives from the London Fire Brigade, Ambulance Service and Metropolitan Police. The Committee agreed to recommend that the Mayor request a full briefing on Forest Hill Station's second fire appliance and the relevant Mayoral Direction, from the London Fire Brigade.
- 3.2 The Committee heard that the second appliance was currently being held elsewhere in order to provide emergency fire cover whilst there was the possibility of industrial action. However, there had now been a Mayoral Direction¹ requiring the 13 appliances from across London currently being held for contingency purposes, to not be returned pending decisions on 2016/17 savings proposals, which could include their permanent decommissioning. Should such a saving be taken, modelling would be carried out to determine which 13 appliances should be decommissioned based on the impact their removal would have.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising out of this report per se.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Constitution provides for Select Committees to make recommendations to the Executive or appropriate committee and/or Council arising from the outcome of the scrutiny process.

¹ See: <https://www.london.gov.uk/mayor-assembly/mayor/mayoral-decisions/MD1516>

6. Further Implications

- 6.1 At this stage there are no specific environmental, equalities or crime and disorder implications to consider.

Background papers

[Public Spending In Lewisham](#) – Officer report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 13.07.15

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