

MAYOR OF LONDON

Ed Williams
Clerk to LFEPA
City Hall

Our ref:

Date: 18th February 2016

Dear Ed

LFEPA budget for 2016/17

Thank you for your letter of 17 February regarding the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority's (LFEPA) budget for 2016/17.

I have spoken to the Mayor and he has carefully considered not only the views expressed by LFEPA Members but also the responses to the consultation exercise and the Commissioner's detailed notes on those responses. Having done that, the Mayor's views very much remain those I expressed on his behalf in my letter of 11 February. The key issues from the Mayor's perspective are:

- There has been a substantial reduction in the number of fire related incidents in recent years, lessening the burden placed on the London Fire Brigade (LFB);
- LFB continues to meet – quite comfortably – the targets it has been set for first and second appliance response times across London;
- Operational performance has remained strong over the last two and a half years, a period in which the 13 appliances have not been available for regular frontline use;
- There are significant financial savings to be found on fire for 2017/18 and 2018/19; and
- The Commissioner has expressed his professional opinion on the resources required by LFB.

As a result, the Mayor intends to direct LFEPA to adopt the budget option put forward by the Commissioner and preparations are underway to do that.

I would be grateful if you could circulate this letter not only to LFEPA Members but also to London Assembly Members, along with LFEPA's latest decision on this matter, as I am mindful that the final group budget meeting takes place on Monday of next week.

Yours sincerely



Sir Edward Lister
Chief of Staff and Deputy Mayor, Policy & Planning