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Dear Carolyn

Following the publication of your response to the Fire & Rescue Statement for 2024/25 I am pleased to respond to the Panel in accordance with section 6 in accordance with the Police Reform & Social Responsibility Act 2011 Section 12 Paragraph 4(a).

I am grateful for the ongoing feedback and interest the Panel have shown in the work of our Fire and Rescue Service. The debate regarding the Fire and Rescue Statement was positive and constructive and I appreciate the Panel's recognition of the various challenges facing the service. Whilst many of these challenges are long standing, we are working closely with the Chief Fire Officer and her leadership team to help ensure the long-term stability and sustainability of the service.

As with policing, the OPFCC has enhanced its ability to analyse and scrutinise performance data relating to the Fire and Rescue Service. This capability enables me to better hold the Chief Fire Officer to account and enables me to monitor the delivery of my strategic priorities in a more robust manner.

I will of course provide the Panel with an update following the outcome of the current HMICFRS inspection, but I can assure members that issues relating to performance and areas of concern are regularly discussed at the formal Fire Accountability Board.

I would like to thank the panel for the positive and constructive response to the Fire & Rescue Statement, and I look forward to continuing working with you, over the coming year.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Danielle Stone". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'D'.

Danielle Stone
Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire