

***Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Safer & Stronger  
Communities - Monday, 10 December 2012***

***Statement of Decision***

**Present: Councillor Mrs J. Heathcoat**

**Officers:** Chief Fire Officer and N. Travis (Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service); J. Dean (Chief Executive's Office)

**Thames Valley Fire Control Service - Admission of  
Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire & Rescue Authority  
(BMKFRA)**

**Documentation considered:**

Report Thames Valley Fire Control Service - Admission of  
Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire & rescue  
Authority (BMKFRA)

*A copy is attached to the signed copy of this decision.*

**Cabinet Member's Comments**

The Cabinet Member declared herself satisfied with the responses she had received from her questions to Mr Travis, which were as follows:

Q - When will the deed of variation be drafted?

R - It is currently with our legal Team, an estimate might be the end of December/beginning of January.

Q - When will the full proportion of grant monies due to Oxfordshire be known?

R- We are currently in discussion with Buckinghamshire and Berkshire about being given the opportunity to review the detail of the document prior to signature. It will be known at that point.

**Decision**

Having regard to the arguments and options set out in the documentation before me, the representations made to me and the further considerations set out above, I confirm my decisions on this matter as follows:

to:

- (a) **Agree that Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire & Rescue Authority (BMKFRA) be invited to join the Thames Valley Fire Control Service (TVFCS) as a full partner in steady state in accordance with the principles set out in the report;**
- (b) **Agree that, in the interim, BMKFRA be invited to contribute as a full partner in the work to establish a Joint Committee to manage the TVFCS;**
- (c) **Agree that BMKFRA be invited to participate in the delivery programme as a non-voting member in accordance with the principles set out in the paper;**
- (d) **Delegate to the Chief Fire Officer the authority to sign a legally binding partnership agreement between the TVFCS partners and BMKFRA, drafted in accordance with the principles set out in the paper;**

Signed .....  
Cabinet Member for Children, Young People & Families

Date .....