Cuts to Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Motion as adjusted, approved.

13 Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Braat, moved that:-

"Council notes that the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SRFS) has implemented a strategic service review programme which has removed appliances from Cowcaddens, Govan and Maryhill fire stations as well as the 24-hour water rescue team from the River Clyde.

Council believes that the safety of Glaswegians is paramount and recognises the concerns in many parts of our city due to the removal of life-saving crews and fire appliances from local communities.

Council endorses the position of the Fire Brigade Union (FBU) that the proposed cuts to fire and rescue service provision in Glasgow and across Scotland will result in increased response time and increased risk to life. Council also recognises that the FBU is currently consulting its members on strike action as a result of these cuts which they consider to be a "threat to the lives, homes, and livelihoods of everyone in Scotland.

Therefore, Council resolves to write to the Minister for Victims and Community Safety in the Scottish Government outlining the concerns of the city, supporting the action taken by the FBU and urging the reinstatement of the appliances at Govan, Maryhill and Cowcaddens, along with the dedicated boat team at Polmadie as soon as possible."

Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor McSporran, moved as an amendment to insert the following two paragraphs after the second paragraph:-

"Council further notes that Glasgow used to be known as "tinderbox city" and applauds the work of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service preventing emergency incidents. Council notes the year-on-year decrease in Dwelling Fires by 7% and Non-Domestic Fires by 16% reported at the recent November Safe Glasgow Partnership, and recognises the decline nationally over the past decade in fire deaths, recorded fires by 14.1% and a 24.8% reduction in dwelling fires.

Council agrees with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service that its preventive work of is arguably, the most important work that the SRFS does on a daily basis; has delivered the reduced fire numbers and fire deaths in the first place and does not see this as a reason to reduce funding."

Councillor Hutchison, seconded by Councillor Wardrop, moved as an amendment to add the following paragraph after the third paragraph:-

"Council recognises and agrees with the World Health Organisations announcement that firefighting should be recognised as a carcinogenic occupation. Council further recognises the Firestorm report issued recently by the FBU and believes that urgent work must be undertaken to mitigate the impacts on the health and wellbeing of Glasgow's Firefighters which are put at further detriment with the removal of the aforementioned appliances and crews."

Councillor O'Neill, with the approval of his seconder, accepted the amendments by Councillor Bell and Councillor Hutchison, resulting in the following adjusted motion:-

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The motion as adjusted was approved unanimously.