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JUDICIAL REVIEW BACKS ROYAL BERKSHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY

The Judicial Review of Royal Berkshire Fire Authority's decision-making process, regarding plans for Windsor fire station, held at the High Court today (February 17) has found in favour of the Authority.

Iain Cox, Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service's Chief Fire Officer, said: "We welcome the clarity that the Judicial Review has brought to this issue. Our decisions were taken in good faith, based upon hard evidence, on information that we have collected over many years.

"We have a responsibility to people across the whole of Berkshire to provide the most effective service possible by using our resources where they are most needed. We are pleased that the Review has found both our risk assessments and our consultation programme to be fit for purpose – this decision will allow us to move on and concentrate on delivering the results that we want to accomplish – a safer Berkshire.

"We certainly appreciate that there are people in Windsor who may be disappointed by these findings but we would like to assure them that we continually monitor all our incident information to determine whether trends are changing."

ENDS.

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Notes for Editors:

Detailed information on the Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) process and plans, including those relating to Windsor fire station, can be found at www.rbfrs.co.uk in the IRMP section.

If you would like to interview Iain Cox tomorrow (February 18) please contact Nicole Targett (0118 932 2283) or Ellie Gray (0118 932 2214).

