

D&S IFCA's Funding Structure Update

Officers' Recommendation

To note the report

Background

At the Authority's AGM, held on 15th June 2023, Members agreed to the following actions;

- 1. That Members agree that the Chair writes to the Secretary of State to set out D&S IFCA's funding crisis and request urgent support.*
- 2. That Local Authorities' Representatives contact relevant MPs to seek support.*

Update

In response to the first action, Authority members were provided, by email, with a copy of the Chair's letter to the Secretary of State on 6th September 2023.

Regarding the second action, Officers understand that Gloucestershire County Council has been in contact with Rt. Hon. Mark Harper MP on several occasions.

On 7th September 2023, Officers sought confirmation from Defra whether the actions set out in Defra's letter to the Chair, dated 19th May 2023 had been actioned. No response has been received from Defra but enquires with some of the Local Authorities suggest that Defra has not been in contact with them to discuss the funding structure of D&S IFCA.

Background Papers/Links

Draft Authority meeting minutes, 15th June 2023