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Dear James,

During Business Questions on 4 February, you asked the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip whether there would be a Welsh Government statement on Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service's (MWWFRS) current consultation on its Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP).

That plan sets out MWWFRS's strategic priorities for the next 10-15 years. It acknowledges the need to keep the pattern of frontline service provision under review in order to provide an effective service to the whole area. However, it does not contain any detailed proposals on this.

I am not currently planning to make a statement on the plan as this is a matter for MWWFRS. I welcome MWWFRS's commitment to consult with stakeholders in the development of the CRMP. It is important to work in consultation with partners to consider their views. The Fire and Rescue Service generally faces some major strategic challenges, including the need to overhaul its culture, the threats posed by the climate emergency, and the difficulty in recruiting and retaining the on-call firefighters which services in rural communities rely on. It is therefore important that such a strategic vision and plan exists.

I note also that MWWFRS is consulting widely on its draft plan, including via public meetings at 34 locations and an online survey and webinars open to all: full details are available [here](#). I hope that this yields a strategic plan which can effectively guide MWWFRS through the challenges ahead, and which sustains services that are affordable and fair for all communities in Mid and West Wales, as well as for the workforce.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jayne Bryant". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Jayne" and the last name "Bryant" clearly distinguishable.

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