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Leader Stockport Council  
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Good afternoon Cllr Hunter,

As the Fire Brigades Union Secretary for Greater Manchester, I would just like to place on record my formal thanks for the time, effort and dedication Stockport Liberal Democrats Councillors put into campaigning against the proposal in the GMFRS Fire Cover Review to downgrade Offerton Fire Station to Day Crewing.

The results of that campaign have led to the Mayors Office deciding not to proceed with that proposal and everyone should be highly commended for their involvement.

The proposals would have seen the loss of 15 firefighter posts and a reduction in the night-time response standards for the communities that Offerton Firefighters currently provide.

The Fire Brigades Union members of Greater Manchester appreciate the time and effort you all dedicated to the campaign.

Many thanks again.

In Unity

Dave Pike  
GMFBU Brigade Secretary

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