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FIRE BRIGADES UNION

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TO: ALL MEMBERS

Dear Brother/Sister,

FBU CALL FOR A MORATORIUM ON CUTS IN THE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

FBU members will have seen circular 2010HOC0630MW wherein the General Secretary provided an overview of the work being undertaken in the Fire Futures project initiated by the Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG).

Whilst the FBU maintains an open-minded approach to the project, we have also reserved our right to hold and to express an independent view on the outcomes of the project's work. The General Secretary has written to CLG's Fire Minister, Bob Neill MP, seeking a moratorium on cuts in the Fire and Rescue Service at least until the outcomes have been reported and considered, and if appropriate, acted upon. The FBU would not support implementation of any proposals which would not provide a genuine improvement for the Fire Service, firefighters and the public. This call complements the FBU's submission to the Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) in which we make a strong case that the Fire Service cannot afford to suffer any cuts.

We await details of the CSR which will be announced tomorrow, 20th October 2010, and hope that it reflects the FBU's call for a moratorium which represents a reasonable and sensible measure to protect the Fire Service which is "the frontline of the frontline" in public services.

A copy of the letter is attached to this circular.

Yours fraternally,

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