

News Release

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Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service appoints Interim Chief Fire and Rescue Officer

Callum Faint was appointed as Interim Chief Fire and Rescue Officer, following an interview process conducted by John Sinnott, Chief Executive of Leicestershire County Council and Andy Keeling, Chief Operating Officer of Leicester City Council. His appointment was confirmed at a meeting of the Combined Fire Authority on Wednesday 29 July.

He will be in post until at least May 2021, with some flexibility to extend, if required.

Callum joined Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service as Temporary Assistant Chief Fire Officer in July 2019, then became permanent in April 2020. He previously served with Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue for 24 years, having joined as a firefighter in 1995.

Fire Authority Chairman Mr Nicholas Rushton, said: "I received very positive feedback when Callum was interviewed by the statutory officers and the Chief Fire Officer from Derbyshire for the appointment to his current role of Assistant Chief Fire Officer.

"I am confident that Callum's appointment as Interim Chief Fire and Rescue Officer will ensure that Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service can continue to build a successful, inclusive and positive culture, ensuring that it continues to fulfil its purpose of safer people, safer places."

Callum said: "I am incredibly proud and humbled to be appointed as interim Chief Fire and Rescue Officer. The role is a challenging one that I am very excited to be able to undertake, building on Rick's achievements.

"The community should quite rightly be proud of Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service and I am positive that we will continue to not only live up to this expectation, but continue to improve and support our communities more and more."

The handover of the role from the current Chief Fire and Rescue Officer, Rick Taylor, begins in August, with Callum officially starting his interim role on 4 September.

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Notes to Editors:

Interviews can be arranged through prior arrangement with Corporate Communications on the details below.

About the Service

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service provides emergency response, prevention and protection services from 20 stations across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. Its headquarters is based in Birstall, Leicester.

During 2018/19, the Service attended 762 road traffic collisions, of which 125 were extrications from vehicles, in addition to 2,569 fires. We carried out 6,746 home safety checks and fitted 4,790 smoke alarms. 279 schools were visited as part of the Service's schools programme, delivering fire and road safety education to pupils. Staff organised or took part in 1,068 community safety events, promoting fire and road safety and arson prevention, and 134 Virtual Fatal Four (VF4) events as part of the Service's young drivers' road safety project.

The Service's prevention, education, enforcement and inspection programmes have resulted in significant reductions in the number of incidents. In the last ten years, fire-related incidents have reduced by over 30 percent.

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