



# News Release

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Following the recent recruitment and assessment process for the Assistant Chief Fire and Rescue Officer (Service Support), the Combined Fire Authority are pleased to announce the appointment of Judi Beresford to the role.

Judi will be joining the Service on 12 December 2022. She has extensive Fire and Rescue experience, serving at Nottingham Fire and Rescue Service and then joining Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service as Area Manager in 2006. She has led at a strategic level at Derbyshire within several areas, including Human Resources, Organisational Development and Equality Diversity and Inclusion (EDI).

Judi also worked closely with Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) and the National Fire Chief's Council (NFCC) on their people programme board. Her commitment to EDI (in particular women in leadership within the Fire Service) and being an LGBTQ+ ally was recognised widely.

Judi said: "I am passionate about working with people to deliver the best service for the communities of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, delivering on the fire sector change agenda".

Outside of work she is a proud wife and mum, a keen skier, runner and cold water swimmer.

Chief Fire and Rescue Officer, Callum Faint, said: "We're delighted to have Judi joining our Service. She brings a wealth of valuable experience and will be an invaluable asset to our Senior Management Team."

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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 2021/22, we attended a total of 8,259 emergency incidents, including 1,968 fires and 707 road traffic collisions. A total of 12,938 Home Safety Checks were completed and we fitted 3,546 smoke alarms. 233 schools were visited as part of the Service's schools programme, delivering fire and road safety education to 6,724 pupils.

The Service's prevention, education, enforcement and inspection programmes have resulted in significant reductions in the number of incidents attended.

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